

## **COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021**

**Meeting held virtually via Zoom**

**Present:** Roz Gausman, Bob McGeever, Jeanne Schwass-Long, David Sharpe, Marcia Standard, David Thomas, Joyce Tikalsky, Susan Wollin

**Staff Present:** Cindy McGlynn, Hollee Camacho

**Guest Present:**

**Absent & Excused:** Cathy Christman, Lou Havlik, Barb Manson, Faith Schuck

**Call to order:** C. McGlynn called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM.

**September Minutes:** Moved by B. McGeever, R. Gausman seconded to approve with suggested typo edits; passed unanimously.

### **Comments by Director**

- The Senior Center's parking lot has been under construction since August 27. It has made it difficult for people to navigate around and into the building and produces a lot of dust, noise and disruption. Unfortunately, the project is taking much longer than anticipated due to a necessary rebidding, budget amendments and the company needing to fit in other previously scheduled projects.
- The County's indoor mask mandate has been extended to November 5. We have had pretty good compliance. The loophole in the policy is that masks are not required when drinking and eating. Since we serve lunch and meals, participants who don't want to wear masks are not complying for these reasons. Despite it posing uncomfortable conversations that no one wants to have, staff have been great with giving reminders.
- Our programming is still slow and we are continuing to be careful about scheduling larger groups. We're currently offering two successful Stepping On fall prevention classes. We are lucky to have the Opera House at our disposal for John Beutel's Music Appreciation; because of the large space they are able to safely space for his large turn outs of over 80 people. Card and other game groups are active again. The hardanger embroidery class began last month and woodcarving will begin this week.
- We continue to have around 130 meals ordered for Kim's twice/month drive thru meals. Although it's been very popular, we are unable to do pick-up meals every week due to staff limitations. We are however, attempting to ease back into the pre-COVID weekly dine-in schedule for Kim's meals, and offering one additional meal for dine-in-only in October.

**Staff Updates:** Our newest hire, Brian Aarstad is doing fantastic. The case manager position has a huge learning curve, and he is doing very well and fitting in with staff. Today he is in a training, but will join us for our November meeting so you can meet him.

### **Fundraisers**

- We have had a nice response from the fundraising letter we sent. We get about 4 to 5 donations/day and have currently brought in about \$35,000 towards the \$200,000 we need to raise for the renovation project.
- Hollee and Cindy submitted grant applications for annex renovation funds and L. Havlik is working on another.
- Cindy has made calls to potential donors and has a meeting with the Rotary Club. She has also made requests to meet with the Lions, Optimist and Kiwanis clubs. She hopes to have some renovation plans by the end of the year, or the beginning of 2022 and to hold some open houses.
- Hollee added that she put together a 2020 Annual Report that she has posted on the website and that she plans to tie in with a fundraising article in the next newsletter. She will be sending the link for COA member feedback before making the link button visible on the website.
- At next month's meeting Cindy would like COA members' feedback on scheduling town hall meetings to explain what we do and discuss the renovation project. Also, 2022 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Senior Center so she'd like to discuss possible events and ways to celebrate. It was recommended that Dennis Ganshert, the previous Center director also be involved in the festivities.

**Committee Reports:** No committees met.

**Legislative Update:** The City Budget process has started. Cindy will not be requesting new employee staff hour increases in 2022. The County has not reported significant changes to their budget.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Moved by D. Sharpe and seconded by B. McGeever to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.

**Next Meeting via Zoom: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 11:00 AM**

**(NOTE: Due to Election Day, meeting date changed)**