

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Stoughton Room, Stoughton Area Senior Center

Present: Bob Barnett, Roz Gausman, Faith Schuck, Susan Wollin, Lou Havlik, Barb Manson, David Sharpe, Sid Boersma

Staff Present: Cindy McGlynn

Absent & Excused: Nancy Hoffman, Charlotte Snow, Mary Onsager, Jeanne Schwass-Long

Call to order: Lou Havlik called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.

October Minutes: Moved by R. Gausman, seconded by D. Sharpe to approve; passed unanimously.

Director Comments

- Fund raiser at the Viking Brew Pub went very well. Approx. 100 people attended. Huge thank you to Vik and Lori Maling for their generosity and donation of their space. We made approx. \$2400.00
- Our new Staff member will start on November 18th. Amy Murphy will be our new Program/Volunteer Coordinator. We are very excited to have her start!
- We will hold our annual Veteran's luncheon on Monday, November 11th. Please register. Vets eat free!
- Madrigal dinner will be December 10th.

Budget is due to be approved November 12th at the City Council meeting. We were very happy that the Council made a commitment to the Programming/Volunteer Coordinators position moving forward. Some funding still comes from the Bryant Foundation, but now the City pays for some of the costs as well.

Evaluation of Senior Center is available now. Should see it emailed soon if you would like to complete it on line. We still plan to send it directly to some area of the City to try to reach some folks that may not currently participate at the Center.

Legislative Update:

Cindy reported that the County Executive has included in his budget a small increase in Case Management funding and as introduced an initiative regarding Mental Health services to help our Case Managers, similar to the Mobile Outreach to Seniors Team that once existed in Dane County. This will be very welcomed by our case managers who struggle often with clients who have difficulties with mental illness.

Cindy was asked to give an update regarding the Seniors in Need Fund. In 1995 the Senior Center worked with city volunteers and Mayor Helen Johnson to create a fund to help unmet and crisis needs for community members 55 years of age and older in the Stoughton Area School district. Referrals to the committee come from case managers, a budget screen is done and an assessment of other programs that may be appropriate. All funds are donated; no city funding is used. Hundreds of individuals have been helped. Referrals remain anonymous to committee members.

Cindy suggested that the Commission not meet in December due to lack of agenda items and busy person schedules. D. Sharpe made a motion to not meet in December, B. Barnett seconded, passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: Moved by D. Sharpe, seconded by F. Schuck to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 11:00 AM