

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Meeting held virtually via Zoom

Present: Lou Havlik, Tim Onsager, Faith Schuck, Jeanne Schwass-Long, David Sharpe, Marcia Standard, David Thomas, Joyce Tikalsky, Susan Wollin

Staff Present: Cindy McGlynn, Hollee Camacho

Guest Present: Brian Aarstad

Absent & Excused: Cathy Christman, Roz Gausman, Barb Manson, Bob McGeever

Call to order: L. Havlik called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

Introductions:

- Introduced our newest Senior Center staff member—Brian Aarstad! Brian began as one of our full-time case managers in September. He has had many years of experience in case management and is doing a phenomenal job.
- Welcomed Dr. Tim Onsager who is joining Commission on Aging as a representative of the School District. As superintendent of the Stoughton School District we appreciate his time and leadership.

October Minutes: Moved D. Sharpe, J. Tikalsky seconded to approve with suggested typo edits; passed unanimously.

Comments by Director

- As of yesterday, the parking lot construction is now complete!
- We are hosting a Veterans Day meal and entertainment on Thursday. It is free for Veterans; cost is \$5 for non-Veterans. Although Dane County no longer has a limit to number of people in an indoor space, we have limited our dining reservations to 50. Drive-up meals are available too. Currently we have a total of 140 meal orders. We always look forward to offering this event, but this year even more so since we were unable to celebrate Veterans Day in-person last year.
- The case managers are in the throes of Medicare Part D enrollment, plus many new case management referrals. We still have a 2-3 week waiting list to meet with new referrals.
- We are working on updating the Stoughton Area Guide for Senior Services. Always a time-consuming task but staff and participants find it a helpful tool available in print and online.
- The Stoughton High School Madrigal Singers will be coming to perform December 17.

Town Hall Planning: Cindy is scheduling a short town hall meeting in December. She plans to give a review of the year and offer time for people to ask questions and give suggestions.

Fundraising

- We are getting a great return from our fundraising letter requesting donations to fund our annex space renovation. We have received several large contributions including a \$20,000 one we received early on in our efforts.
- We received word that the Stoughton Area Community Foundation awarded us a \$4,000 grant and the Wahlin Foundation a \$50,000 grant! L. Havlik is working on an application to submit to the EvJue Foundation in April.
- Cindy estimated we currently have about \$80,000 total in donations to support our \$200,000 costs to renovate the annex. And, we are just \$1500 short of the annual \$29,500 funds we need to raise to contribute to the operational budget.
- Cindy is continuing to make calls to potential donors and has been scheduled to meet with several community service groups. She hopes to have some renovation plans by the end of the year, or the beginning of 2022 and to make it easier to talk to people about what we want to do.

Committee Reports: No committees met.

Legislative Update: Tonight City Council is meeting to approve the City's 2022 operational budget. Cindy will not be requesting new employee staff hour increases in 2022, but plans to request additional staff hours in 2023.

Questions: F. Schuck wondered why the newsletter hasn't been posted on Facebook. Hollee admitted she may have missed that past two months, but will make sure it happens from now on. S. Wollin inquired if the newsletter was available on our website. It is, and one may also register to receive it by email at: stoughtonseniorcenter.com/newsletter-1

Meeting Adjourned: Moved by D. Sharpe and seconded by F. Schuck to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:34 AM.

Next Meeting via Zoom: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 11:00 AM