

## **COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

**Stoughton Room, Stoughton Area Senior Center**

**Present:** Bob Barnett, Roz Gausman, Lou Havlik, Nancy Hoffman, Dennis Kittleson, Barb Manson, Mary Onsager, Jeanne Schwass-Long, Faith Schuck, Susan Wollin

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

**Absent & Excused:** David Sharpe, Charlotte Snow,

**Call to order:** J. Schwass-Long called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

**October Minutes:** Moved by B. Barnett, L. Havlik seconded to approve; passed unanimously.

Welcomed Barb Manson as our new City representative member to COA.

### **Director Comments**

- The Volunteer/Program Coordinator position was not supported in the 2018 Budget; we will keep trying.
- Case Managers have a 2-week waiting list for connecting with new non-emergency referrals.
- Medicare Part D enrollment period is now over. The Case Managers helped many review their options online and we are thankful for our trained volunteer who also helped with this.
- Beginning in January, Kim will be cooking lunch on Thursdays for the congregate site. The menu is on p. 14 of the newsletter. We have an agreement with the County for the Center to be reimbursed, so the meal will still be available on a donation basis. Meals on Wheels will still be given the meals from the contracted catering site's menu.

### **Fundraiser Update:**

The fundraiser at Vik's Viking Brew Pub was very successful earning us \$2,200. Many thanks to Vik and Lori for their generosity. We appreciate everyone who was able to come. There was a nice mix of people. J. Schwass-Long added, the food provided by Kim was awesome!

**Senior Center Brochures:** each committee is reviewing the brochure they worked on; Fund Development: Ways of Giving and envelope, Volunteer: Friendly Visitor, Public Relations: general brochure. The final drafts should be available by January's meeting.

**Accreditation:** Cindy appreciated everyone's time. Sub-committees are beginning to meet to review the worksheets and to gather necessary materials to submit. Each completed section will be given to COA for review. The review of all standards is expected to be complete by Summer.

**Committee Reports:** We are putting the action plans submitted by each committee into the larger Strategic Plan document. The completed copy will be available for the COA to review in January.

- **Public Relations:** met this morning and finalized the general brochure; discussed how to go about updating the service group contact list and how to best use email for communicating Center's news; and plans to continue to review the Marketing Plan to make sure we are

not missing avenues of addressing connections to frail elderly, mid-older adult and younger seniors.

- **Program:** last met in October. The intergenerational rock painting event was a success. Group received a lesson from WSTO on how to videotape and edit videos. They are looking for other volunteers to take on this project as it was quite overwhelming.
- **Volunteer:** presented their recommendations to staff for the latest Volunteer Handbook
- **Fund Development:** met in November to discuss the fundraiser, finalized the Ways of Giving brochure and envelope. In January they hope to have enough people available to meet as a focus group to give feedback on how best to approach entities about remembering the Center as an option estate planning.
- **Evaluation:** via email the committee reviewed and updated last year's survey for evaluating service organizations who use the Center to provide services to older adults. Hollee created the survey with SurveyMonkey and will be sending it soon.

#### **Legislative Update:**

- Case Management received a small increase in funding from the County.
- Family Care is to begin in in Dane County in 2018; COA discussed concerns of how well frail seniors may be served by these now for-profit large managed care companies. We are told by the County it will take their ADRC staff three years to sign everyone up who are currently on waiting lists for the managed care system. If the result of the State's medical assistance transportation service switch from a local service provider to a lower-bid "cost-saving" company is any indication for how Family Care may be, it will likely be so frustrating to consumers that many who'll need services will opt out and/or it will create more opportunities for our case managers to become involved as advocates.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Moved by R. Gausman, seconded by L. Havlik to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 11:00 AM**