

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Meeting held virtually via Zoom

Present: Cathy Christman, Roz Gausman, Lou Havlik, Barb Manson, Bob McGeever, Faith Schuck, Jeanne Schwass-Long David Sharpe, David Thomas, Joyce Tikalsky

Staff Present: Cindy McGlynn, Hollee Camacho

Absent & Excused: Marcia Standard, Susan Wollin

Call to order: L. Havlik called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM.

February Minutes: Moved by L. Havlik and B. McGeever seconded to approve with typo correction; passed unanimously.

Comments by Director

- We are seeing more and more people at the Center. We are offering a new classes including a Writers Group.
- Parking is becoming more difficult. We are trying to come up with creative solutions like encouraging people to ride-share. At this time, we feel it is a good problem to have.
- Volunteer Appreciation week is the April 18 – 22. Staff will be hosting a breakfast on Friday, April 22 from 8:30-10:30 AM. Invitations will be coming.
- The County's mask mandate ended at the end of yesterday. We are following Dane County's recommendation. Staff and participants are encouraged to wear masks if they feel more comfortable, but they are no longer required. We are leaving it up to instructors to determine whether they want to require them for their classes.
- A boy scout will begin work on a kayak/canoe entry onto the river for his Eagle Project.

Fundraising

- The Bryant Foundation sent us a check for \$50,000 last week! We are so grateful for this and their many years of support towards our efforts.
- We are in a really good position to reach our \$200,000 goal for the annex renovation project. We have now earned \$150,000 and are still waiting to hear on a couple grants we applied for and are encouraged that some more potential private donations are coming.

Open Hours

- We have an Open House scheduled for Friday, April 8. The time has yet to be determined, but will likely schedule it for the afternoon to allow for more space after lunch.
- Cindy shared an image of a banner announcing our 50th Anniversary that will hang from our balcony railing beginning in April.
- Cindy will be reaching out to the COA members who expressed interest in being involved in an ad hoc planning committee to help plan for the event. Some plans include:
 - Creating a list of people to invite

- Assist with choosing memories and articles to display at the event.
- Look at possible souvenirs to have available to participants to mark the day. J. Schwass-Long recommended checking with the High School's Fab Lab to see they'd be able to create key chains with our logo on them.
- In addition to the celebration, we hope to have a large-print of the annex floor plan.

Committee Reports:

Public Relations Committee: While not noted in the meeting, the Public Relations Committee met on Feb. 16 and discussed revising our general brochure. An early draft along with some potential new images will be available soon.

Evaluation Committee: The Evaluation Committee met virtually on February 22. The group reviewed the Center's Evaluation Plan. It was moved by R. Gausman and seconded by F. Schuck to amend the plan as suggested by the Committee.

The Committee also reviewed the COA's annual self-survey and agreed to it being made available to all members at our May meeting.

Legislative Update: none

Other news: Cindy asked COA members to reach out to her regarding their comfort level for meeting in person.

Meeting Adjourned: Moved by B. McGeever and seconded by R. Gausman to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM.

Next Meeting via Zoom: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 11:00 AM