

## **COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2015**

**Stoughton Room, Stoughton Area Senior Center**

**Present:** Sid Boersma, Carol Heidenway, Nan Hoffman, Ron Jensen, Don Mix, Jeanne Schwass-Long, Charlotte Snow, Betty Thompson,

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

**Absent & Excused:** David Bacon, Kay Davis, Mary Onsager, David Sharpe

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

**February Minutes:** Moved by D. Mix, seconded by R. Jensen to approve; passed unanimously.

**Director Comments:** Cindy McGlynn

- Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers (WASC) Spring Training is Friday, April 17 in Wisconsin Rapids. The Senior Center will cover the cost for COA members to attend. Please let Cindy know if you are interested.
- Staff is beginning to work on the initiative for Stoughton to become a Dementia Friendly Community. We will be meeting with other City Leaders to determine our 2015 goals.
- We will participate in March for Meals again this year; watch newsletter for details. J. Schwass-Long will be sharing some recommendations with Lisa for Dunkirk "Community Champions" to deliver meals.

**In-Service/Mission Statement:** *Action Plan –Accreditation, Purpose & Planning A*

- Reviewed "Mission: We are dedicated to the enrichment of the lives of older adults and their families by providing diverse programs, social services and volunteer opportunities."
- Motion made by C. Heidenway to keep the mission statement as it is, seconded by R. Jensen; carried unanimously.

**Committee Recruitment:** *Action Plan –Strategic Plan, Marketing 1.1*

- There is a Stoughton resident COA member opening and all COA committees are in need of more participants especially community members.
- N. Hoffman requested to be on the Public Relations Committee, and recommended describing the Committee projects and tasks when advertising.
- J. Schwass-Long stated that in-person recruitment is most successful.
- S. Boersma recommended Tricia Seuss or Marlene Widra, and encouraged we highlight the benefits (i.e. meet others, volunteer appreciation) when advertising the positions.
- Hollee will email the current Committee member and project/task lists. Cindy encourages all to consider friends and acquaintances who may like to help with these assignments.

**Syttende Mai Update:** Betty Thompson & Carol Heidenway

- B. Thompson and C. Heidenway distributed the building use policy and security person job description they received when they met with Oregon Senior Center staff. They stated Oregon SC staff usually receives comp time if they are present at after-hours events and that all rooms that cannot be rented are locked. If a security person is hired for an event

they are required to follow a checklist of tasks. Their Center is not open during Oregon's Summer Fest.

- COA discussed the security of the Senior Center. All staff offices can be locked; however there are not currently locks on any other rooms. S. Boersma recommends checking into the cost of locking all rooms with valuables.
- B. Thompson reported that there are still unknowns for Syttende Mai weekend. For instance, the placement of portable restrooms and the Heritage Center's opening has not yet been determined, so the use of the Center as a public restroom may still be a factor.
- COA volunteers met to discuss their coverage during the weekend. K. Davis and C. Heidenway will secure the building Sat. 11:30AM-1:30PM, and K. Davis and J. Schwass-Long will cover Sun. 12:30-4:00PM.
- Staff will put a notice in the newsletter that the Center will be open for parade viewing.

#### **Senior Center Brochure:**

- Passed around the latest draft of the brochure. Discussed suggestions for improving the front and readability throughout.
- N. Hoffman stated that the WI Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired recommends black on white as the best color contrast for readers with low vision. S. Boersma suggested more bullet points. Cindy will bring these recommendations to Inkworks.
- When complete, S. Boersma suggested it should be presented to City Council.

#### **2014 Annual Report:**

- Passed around a copy of the latest Annual Report. Hollee will email it for COA feedback.

#### **Legislative Update:** Carol Heidenway

- Distributed an AARP handout highlighting effects of the State Budget on older adults services like Senior Care, Family Care, BadgerCare Childless Adult program (attached).
- C. Heidenway noted that Wisconsin is considered a donor state. For every \$1 that goes to the federal government, tax payers get about \$.60 back in services. Why not take the federal money allotted for us through services like Medicaid/Badger Care?
- Cindy noted her concern with the proposal to privatize Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs). Currently when someone calls an ADRC for information and assistance they will receive a list of all service options. If the ADRCs are controlled by private entities how can we be sure that that referrals are unbiased and not just those of the private agency or other agencies that have paid for referrals be made to them? Or, without government oversight, will this currently free service then have a fee?
- C. Heidenway said Senate Bill 19 which "requires hospitals to provide a patient with an opportunity to designate a lay caregiver who will receive instruction regarding patient aftercare prior to the patient's discharge" was introduced but is not receiving signatures. The opposition to it is in question. C. Heidenway will investigate and report back in April.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Relations, Finance, Evaluation:** no meetings

**Program:** working on assigned action plans

**Meeting Adjourned:** Moved D. Mix, seconded by S. Boersma to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m**