

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Stoughton Room, Stoughton Area Senior Center

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

Staff Present: Cindy McGlynn, Hollee Camacho

Absent & Excused: David Sharpe, Susan Wollin

Call to order: L. Havlik called the meeting to order at 11:13 AM.

June Minutes: Moved by R. Gausman, B. Manson seconded to approve; passed unanimously.

Introductions: Welcomed Julia Hayde our new Program & Volunteer Coordinator. She shared that she has been a social worker for 26 years. She most recently worked as a grief counselor for many years and also worked as a coordinator of Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent programs. She has enjoyed her first three weeks at the Senior Center. L. Havlik, who served on the hiring committee for Julia, emphasized she was truly impressed with Julia's at her interview and looks forward to the good things she will bring to the Center.

Comments by Director

- Case Managers are very busy. We began a wait list in early June. New referrals are being told not expect a call for two weeks.
- The remodeling in the downstairs Yahara Room is beginning to take shape. We are refiguring new storage cabinets to better utilize the room's space.

Re-Opening Status

- It has been very exciting to have the Center open to the public. We have started out slowly with inviting small groups and have worked our way up to a nice variety of ongoing scheduled exercise classes, card and support groups.
- We begin congregate meals today! It is the first time we've had people eat at the meal site in sixteen months.
- We are going to try a hybrid pick-up and indoor meals. Kim's onsite meals served 50-60 people weekly. Now we currently serve 130-140 drive through meals. We can't seat that many, but we will hate to lose that connection with people. We are still working out how to staff and fund the meals. It will take more people to prepare, package and serve these two groups, and soon the County's funding will go back to covering only congregate meals so the costs of pick-up meals will be the Center's responsibility.
- So far, we've only had one know incident of a disagreement between a vaccinated and unvaccinated participant. This poses tension for staff since we can't tell either person they can't participate at the Center.

- We will not be scheduling in-building entertainment until the Fall. Music Appreciation will be offering a Fall series at the Opera House.
- We still need to fundraise for \$29,500 while simultaneously fundraising for the Annex renovation. Here are some upcoming fundraisers:
 - July 29: Many thanks to the Chose Family's generous offer to partner with us so we can sell their original Chose's Coney Dogs and Coney Sauce at the Gazebo Musikk event. We will also be selling Kim's Cheese Spread and a variety of desserts.
 - August 26: We will be selling pulled pork sandwiches.

Committee Reports: We are looking for community members for COA committees, especially for Fund Development and Public Relations Committees who are beginning to discuss fundraising plans for the annex. We'll have a notice in August's newsletter.

- **Fund Development Committee** met June 22 via Zoom.
 - Shared the Committee's latest letter draft to be sent to all 53589 residents to raise awareness of what we do and want we need.
 - Because the price of materials have gone up, the cost of renovation has gone up to \$200,000.
 - Please review the letter and email or call Cindy with any suggested edits.
 - Please also share potential givers whether they are large corporations, local organizations or individuals. Cindy will make a list of these for her or other group members to personally reach out to or call.

We would like the other committees to begin meeting in the next couple months. We'd especially like the Public Relations Committee to begin discussing possible campaign slogans to help us differentiate the annex project from the Senior Center's general fundraising.

Legislative Update: The City Budget process has started. Cindy will not be requesting new employee staff hour increases. While we don't see the new space adding new staff needs, we may need to look at increasing case manager hours after 2022 if we continue to have wait lists.

Sad New: Don Mix, a previous COA member and Senior Center volunteer passed away. L. Havlik will send a card from the COA group and email his wife and daughter's addresses too.

Meeting Adjourned: Moved by J. Schwass-Long and seconded by F. Schuck to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:45AM.

Next Meeting via Zoom: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 11:00 AM