

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Stoughton Room, Stoughton Area Senior Center

Present: Sid Boersma, Kay Davis, Carol Heidenway, Nan Hoffman, Ron Jensen, Don Mix, Mary Onsager, Jeanne Schwass-Long, David Sharpe, Charlotte Snow, Betty Thompson

Staff Present: Cindy McGlynn, Hollee Camacho

Absent & Excused: David Bacon

Call to order: In J. Schwass-Long's absence, D. Sharpe called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

July Minutes: Moved by S. Boersma, seconded by N. Hoffman to approve; passed unanimously.

Director Comments: Cindy McGlynn

- Staff had a hectic last week without phones and computers after a fiber optic was destroyed during construction on Washington Street. Calls to the Center's number was rerouted to Cindy's cell, and later to another staff's cell when Cindy was on vacation.
- Staff are taking on different roles as we handle various staff vacations this summer.

In-Service: no in-service this month due to time-consuming work on the Bylaws.

Senior Center Brochure: is now complete

- It will be distributed to everywhere that receives our newsletters.
- It will be presented to City Council once the review of COA Bylaws is complete.
- C. McGlynn noted that the website for making online donations is noted on the brochure.
- C. Heidenway congratulations all who assisted with its many drafts.

Pick'n Save Cart Ads

- Distributed final ad copy which will submitted for Pick'n Save to use on its carts this Fall
- K. Davis recommends it be used additionally as a flyer for area bulletin boards.

COA Bylaws

- COA began reviewing and updating the COA Bylaws.
- After discussion on how little the Center's budget changes or can be impacted from year-to-year, some wording will be changed to better reflect the COA's financial responsibilities.
- Revisions will continue in September. (please hold on to your copy for next month)

Building Use Policy

- Without much discussion, City Council passed the Building Use Policy with the agreement for it to be reviewed after one year of its operation.
- According to the policy, all non-City sponsored events that take place in City buildings after hours will be subject to a \$10 rental fee, plus additional fees (\$15/hour) to cover the cost of having a paid City representative onsite as well as for other administrative costs.

- This policy (which has been in the making for over three years) was developed to address the City's liability and building upkeep costs.
- Some groups may be exempt from the rental fee based on whether the meeting's purpose addresses the "betterment of Stoughton." COA discussed the confusion on how that term can be defined.
- C. Heidenway requests that the Stoughton "area" be included in the wording. Citing how helpful it was for area groups to meet at the Senior Center to handle the after-effects of the tornado that hit area townships.
- Further training will be needed for people responsible for holding Senior Center sponsored programs that take place after normal business hours (i.e. evening classes, Saturday events, Syttende Mai weekend, etc.).
- J. Schwass-Long questioned if any non-City sponsored organizations could claim financial hardship. Cindy said that it was unlikely, as the City is mirroring its plan with the School Districts which currently charges all groups. Though, unlike the City, the School does not require an additional attendant fee since they always have staff (custodians) present.

Legislative Update: C. Heidenway

- Distributed an AARP handout highlighting current National and State bills on caregiving. Family caregivers in WI provide 538 million hours of care –worth an estimated \$7 billion!
 - Senator Baldwin introduced the RAISE Family Caregiver Act which would specifically require the development, maintenance, and updating of an integrated national strategy to recognize and support family caregivers. The bill would create an advisory council to bring together relevant federal agencies and representatives from the private and public sectors to advise and make recommendations regarding the national strategy.
 - The State's Caregiver, Advise, Record, Enable (CARE) Act would require hospitals to 1) record the name of the family caregiver when their loved one is admitted; 2) notify the family caregiver when their loved one is to be moved or discharged; 3) give instructions of the tasks the family caregiver will need to perform while caring for their loved one.
- Senior Care was saved for this year, however it will likely face another battle next year.
- K. Davis noted that the State Budget's proposed changes to the way state retirement accounts are overseen were not made.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Program: meeting TBD

Meeting Adjourned: Moved D. Sharpe, seconded by M. Onsager to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM **Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 1, 11:00 AM**