

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Beaver Dam Senior Center
Date: October 23, 2018

Called to order:

By Wayne Schmitz at 9:06am

Roll Call:

Present: Wayne Schmitz (Vice Chairman), Darlene Morrissey, Anne Pellerin, Terry Appenfeldt (Woodshop Manager), Marilyn Reichel (Program Committee), Dan Swaagman, Mary Morgan, Barb Skaar, Lynn Lothen, Kay Appenfeldt (Archive Committee), Jana Stephens (Administrator), Traci Gmeinder (Office Administrator).

Excused: Eileen Goodman (Chairman), Meredith Winning

Absent: Jim Mack

Other Guests: None

Minutes:

Correction, Marilyn Reichel suggested a memorial or acknowledgement be made to the Patriot Nation and Vets, not a plaque. Motion to accept made by Terry Appenfeldt. Seconded by Lynn Lothen. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Made by Darlene Morrissey. Filed for Audit.

Public Comment:

None.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archives: by Kay Appenfeldt – Woodshop history: On October 2, 1974 Norm Rier and a group of volunteers opened the Woodshop for furniture repair and other projects. 1982 Don Kopff was the new manager. He started the Blue Bird Project, building Blue Bird nesting boxes to bring the bluebird back to the area. They made 300 boxes and charged \$2.00 for each. Channel 3 from Madison did a news segment on them. It went national and orders came in from all over the country. From there the Woodshop expanded into other nesting boxes for other birds. In 2000, Rich Krahenbahl took over as Manager, and started the toy car project. At first the cars went to young patients at Beaver Dam Community Hospital. 2001 was the first year toy cars were handed out at the annual Holiday Parade. 2003 saw Jim Schwartz as the manager. The bird houses and nesting boxes were made into kits that Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and other children's organizations could put together. Terry Appenfeldt was made manager in 2007. The Woodshop has expanded into making custom projects. This holiday season, a toy train engine will be given out. Cars for the train will be added for the next few years.

Program: by Marilyn Reichel - Expand to include cooking lessons, woodshop projects and the Pool League. From the Blue Zone Project, we are a community of elders for the near future. Children are included in the Project, but mostly elders. Marilyn Reichel checked into what was originally planned for The Watermark, and advocates to the Common Council for the Woodshop and a space for a pool table.

Tour: by Wayne Schmitz – Ten openings for Christmas Remembered to Rosewood Dinner Theater in Delevan on December 8th. Monday, November 12 at 6:00pm there is an update on the extended tours from Mayflower. Tournament of Roses Tour three are signed up and two are on a waiting list. Spring Blooms in America's Historic East (2019) has one signed up, Holland Tulip Festival (2019) have four signed up. 40th Anniversary Alaska Adventure has one signed up. As of yet no one has signed up for Christmas at the Opryland Resort or Shades of Ireland. Day Trips in 2019 include a trip to Schauer Arts Center in Hartford for a Dose of Church Basement Ladies, Sex, Please! At The Memorial Ballroom in Port Washington and a boat tour of the Milwaukee Harbor.

Woodshop: by Terry Appenfeldt – Big wooden signs for two local businesses, 20-30 poles for a Church's banners bluebird and wren nesting boxes still going strong. two new banks were added a crab and a one-eyed monster. The Woodshop is also making 3-6 monkey banks. A special order of a two-story martin house made from cedar was recently completed. A local campground had a problem with vandals and asked for special 'bird houses' that could hold cameras.

Old Business:

Amendments to the Senior Center By-Laws were recently discussed by an ad-hoc committee and with the city attorney; the results were shared at today's meeting by Jana Stephens. Most changes were to update wording of a section. The smoking ban now includes vaping devices and other electronic delivery systems. Newly elected Steering Committee members will participate in an orientation after they are elected. A section to be added to Policies and Procedures is that all monies received in the month must be deposited in that month. A final review and vote will be

taken at the November meeting and then passed on to the Common Council. The upcoming Christmas Party, the agenda includes greetings eating, a performance by the Senioettes, a Singalong, games with gift card prizes, and a skit by the Steering Committee. There will be a change of menu because of a change of caterer. More on that subject later.

New Business:

¼-1/3 of the Watermark's volunteers was able to attend the 'Addressing Difficult Behaviors Workshop'. Most would like a follow up meeting. We are looking into other opportunities for training. Page 14 of the November Community Courier shows another opportunity to take the workshop. Steering Committee elections are coming up. All those wishing to be on the ballot must fill out and return an application by December 14 to Customer Service. Any questions can be directed to Jana Stephens.

Public-At-Large Updates:

BDCH: by Barb Skaar – This Thursday October 25 from 3:30-7:00pm is an Open House for the new Institute of Motion and Orthopedics. Services include a podiatrist and a chiropractor. The public and businesses are invited to view the new facility. There will be food and wine served. Hillside Manor still has a gym. The BDCH Gift Shop will be open during the Open House for those who want to start their holiday shopping early.

ADRC: by Lynn Lothen – None

Green Valley: by Meredith Winning – Was excused.

Administrator's Report:

Jana Stephens acknowledged a donation from Lynn Lothan of \$100.00 for the Senior Center Christmas Party and \$500.00 for Senior Programming from the Beaver Dam Exchange Club. There is an article on page 4 of the November Community Courier concerning the holidays. Elves are needed (as well as a chairman) to pass out cars at the Holiday Parade on Saturday December 1. The windows of the Watermark will be decorated. The theme this year is holiday movies. Two Christmas trees will be decorated along with other parts of the building. The Holiday Parade route will be changed this year. It will pass the Chamber of Commerce. The Watermark won't have a float but will have a vehicle in the parade. The Fall Downtown Festival will be Saturday October 27 from 9:00am-1:00pm. Some events will take place at Rogers Cinema. The Watermark had a booth at the Women's Expo on Thursday October 18. It was a fabulous turnout! Jana Stephens is optimistic about getting a full-time custodian for the Watermark. (The Watermark has had 13 custodians in three years.) It is currently more than a part-time position and to expand Joan Hohenstein, Activities Specialist from part-time to full time. UW Madison Geology Museum has been in contact about a presentation for groups and organizations. Holding Space is the title, about sending people to Mars. The one hour presentation includes a 40-minute lecture and 20-minutes to share memories of the moon landings. There would be a free bus ride from the Watermark to the Geology Museum.

Future Agenda Items/Miscellaneous:

Item #1: None

Next meeting:

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Motion to Adjourn:

Made by Darlene Morrissey, seconded by Terry Appenfeldt. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:08am.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Pellerin.