

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Beaver Dam Senior Center
Date: January 22, 2019

Called to order:

Eileen Goodman at 9:00am

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Eileen Goodman (Chairman), Anne Pellerin (Secretary), Barb Skaar, Wayne Schmitz (Vice Chairman), Dan Swaagman, Jim Mack, Lynn Lothen, Marilynn Reichel, Mary Morgan, Meredith Winning, Terry Appenfeldt, Kay Appenfeldt, Jana Stephens (Administrator), Traci Gmeinder (Office Administrator)

Excused:

Darlene Morrissey (Treasurer)

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes made by Jim Mack. Seconded by Lynn Lothen

Treasurer's Report:

Read by Traci Gmeinder. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Terry Appenfeldt; seconded by Wayne Schmitz. The report has been filed for Audit.

Public Opinion:

Mayor Becky Glewen was able to join us. Among the topics discussed were the improvements to the Riverside Park, the corridor from the Tower parking lot to the Beaver Dam Area Community Theater, the closing and opening of businesses in the downtown area and city limits. Mayor Glewen has been in contact with the Greater Madison Business Group to get ideas on how to promote Beaver Dam Lake, river and marsh.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archives: by Kay Appenfeldt - Programs introduced Craft Clubs: Hooks and Needles first leader was Marion Gade in 1977; Woodburning started in 2009 by Terry Appenfeldt; Woodburning started by Oscar Mellenthen in 1997; Book Club had a few leaders including Patti Maleck before Anne Pellerin took over in 2017; Writers Group started in 2008 or 2009 with Karla Jensen as the leader; the Fishing Club was started by Duane Braun in 2005; Kay Appenfeldt has led the Movies group since 2003; the Travel Club was started by Audrey Benike in 1970; the Meet and Eat Group was started by Marge Haider in 2008 or 2009.

Program - Marilynn Reichel asked that if anyone had any ideas for future can be emailed to her at marilynnr3@aol.com. The Blue Zone is to have signage around town advertising different aspects of the Blue Zone.

Tour: by Wayne Schmitz - There is a full bus of 41 going to the Schauer Arts Center in Hartford for Rise Up O' Men. Other day trips are being finalized and will be announced soon. They will include a Milwaukee Brewers game and a tour of the Milwaukee Harbor. The extended tours being planned with Mayflower Travel include: Spring Blooms in America's Historic East with two have signed up, Holland Tulip Festival with five having signed up, a 40th Anniversary Alaska Adventure Cruise with three signed up, The Legendary Blue Danube River Cruise with four signed up and Shades of Ireland. Another presentation showcasing these and other tours is planned for February 11.

Woodshop: by Terry Appenfeldt - The major project has been making penny banks of the various animals. The reports at Christmas on Channels 3 and 15 have done a lot for getting the word out. The group is also busy making three plinco games for Wings over Wisconsin. Their banquet is February 26. Terry will be ordering 'eyes' for the banks. They seem to be going through quite a few with all the banks they are making. He also let it be known that the Woodshop has kindling wood available to the public. Interested parties should call Customer Service on when and where to pick up the wood.

Old Business:

The updated by-laws will be presented and voted on at the Annual Meeting on January 31. They will then be distributed. The Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Event will be Thursday January 31, from 10:00-11:30am. Edith's will do the catering.

New Business:

2019 Volunteer Training Opportunities – The Difficult Behaviors Seminar presented last year will be repeated in 2019. A continuation seminar covering Manipulative Behavior will be presented this year. There will be others presented throughout the years.

Public at Large:

BDCH: by Barb Skaar – Dr. Jay Rusek MD will be doing general surgery in Beaver Dam 11 days a month. He started this week. Dr. Shier, a BD Chiropractor, will have Friday morning office hours at BDCH. A Massage Therapist will be working in the Rehab Dept. The oils she uses for therapy will be available for her patients. A Nurse Practitioner joined the staff three weeks ago.

ADRC: by Lynn Lothen – SPARKS is presenting Family Caregivers Skills Fair on March 21, from 9:30am-3:00pm at Moraine Park Technical College. Registration is required (call 920-386-3580). Amanda Higgins is the Dodge County Elder Benefit Specialist and is available to explain the A, B, C, D of Medicare and Social Security. This is Lynn's last meeting with the Steering committee. Her co-worker Pam Couperus will be starting in February. Pam was introduced at our December meeting.

Green Valley: by Meredith Winning – Life Academy (LA) will be partnering with the Woodshop this summer. The students enjoy being involved at the Woodshop. Each student will be partnered with a Woodshop member. LA will also be partnering with WBEV for the Radio-a-thon. A spaghetti dinner is being planned for September 6. New students will be added as some will be graduating out this year. The Community Garden Program is in question for 2019. Summer 2018 was wet and very buggy. LA will be in contact with the Master Gardeners for improvements. Several plots were affected. A greenhouse for Green Valley is in the talking stage. The focus is on nutrition, not junk food. The LA students also help at the food pantry.

Administrator's Report:

Based on data, the building and office hours will be changing. The new building hours will be: Monday through Thursday from 6:00am-6:00pm and Friday from 6:00am-4:00pm. The new office hours will change to 8:00am-4:00pm. There will be signs on all the doors with these changes. The general public is using online or the drop box for registration. Reservations for the park shelters will soon be going online. With the shorter office hours, the opportunity will make things easier for those wishing to volunteer at the Welcome Desk. The City website is getting a total makeover and relaunch. All city departments including the Community Activities and Services Dept. and the Library are among them. Cabin Fever is scheduled for Saturday, January 26 at Crystal Lake Park from 10:00am-4:00pm. Indoor and outdoor activities are planned. (NOTE: Due to the extreme cold Cabin Fever has been cancelled.) AARP Tax-Aide is starting to make appointments for the tax season. They will be at The Watermark beginning February 4. Call Customer Service to make your appointment. Jana brought us Up-To-Date on Leadership Beaver Dam (LBD). This year is a small class of 14 not the usual 20. One project is backpacks filled with food for the weekend. 50%+ school children depend on the school lunch program for their food. John Deere runs a similar program in Horicon. The project will start small (one weekend a month) and be sustainable. The pack will have non-perishable or easy prep food. They will be approaching various businesses and organizations in Beaver Dam for finances and food sources. The other project is to start an inter-generational group. All ages learn from each other. Jana will be a resource for this group. The February Community Courier will be ready in the next few days. If you didn't get your copy of the group picture with Santa, talk with Eileen Goodman. Don't forget to sign up for the Annual Meeting at the Welcome Desk.

The next meeting is Tuesday February 26, 2019 at 9:00am.

Motion to adjourn made by Dan Swaagman, seconded by Meredith Winning. Meeting adjourned at 10:18am.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Pellerin.