

Senior Center Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Called to order:

By Eileen Goodman at 9:00am

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Eileen Goodman (Chairman), Anne Pellerin (Secretary), Marsha Horne, Jim Mack, Marilyn Reichel, Barb Skaar, Dan Swaagman, Meredith Winning, Pam Couperus, Jana Stephens (BDCAS Administrator), Traci Gmeinder (Office Administrator).

Excused:

Darlene Morrissey (Treasurer), Wayne Schmitz (Vice Chairman), Dan Doyle, Kay Appenfeldt, Terry Appenfeldt.

Minutes:

Marilynn Reichel made a motion to accept. Jim Mack seconded. Motion approved.

Financial Report:

Read by Traci Gmeinder, motion to accept made by Jim Mack, Seconded by Barb Skaar. Motion approved. Report filed for audit.

Public Comment:

Eileen Goodman highlighted the list of activities for Earth Day from the promotional poster. She noted that the event is coordinated by DBDI and that many activities are hosted at The Watermark. There is a Community Health Survey at the Welcome Desk. It will be available for the next week. Mary Morgan's term as City Council Liaison has expired, Dan Doyle has been appointed in her place.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archives: by Kay Appenfeldt – None.

Programs: by Marilyn Reichel – There was a discussion about future programming needs for The Watermark, including expansion and a pool table use. Seippel Center for Music and the Arts had an Open House to showcase their new offerings.

Tours: by Jana Stephens – Day Trips – Sex Please, We're 60 has 28 registered (the bus was full); WI Music Festival three or more registered; Brewers Game has over 32 registered; Edelweiss Lunch Cruise & MAM has over 16 registered; Walworth County Barn Quilts has over six registered; Murder Me Always has over nine registered; and the Christmas Bakery Bus Tour has over four registered. Extended Tours – Holland Tulip Festival had nine registered; Alaska Adventure has six registered; Blue Danube River Cruise has four registered; New York City has no registrations currently; Shades of Ireland has four registered; Cruising in Paradise has no registrations currently; Virginia Beach Getaway has no registrations currently; and the Portugal & Douro River Cruise has no registrations currently. The Watermark receives a commission from Mayflower Cruises and Tours for extended trip registration made through The Watermark. The Watermark was presented with a plaque from Mayflower Cruises & Tours, Navigator Club Award, 2019 Commodore's Circle.

Woodshop: Jana Stephens reported on behalf of the Woodshop. The group is working on the coal car for the train started last year. There is a nice supply of banks. A special order for custom made garden baskets is under construction.

Old Business:

Senior Center Policies and Procedures were briefly discussed. A brief history of Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers (WASC) accreditation was presented and discussed. A more detailed discussion is planned when all Steering Committee members are able to attend.

New Business:

Audit Report – an audit of the 2017 and 2018 accounts was done. All accounts reconciled with no problems. The Senior Expo 2019 is May 15 at Wayland Academy Field House. A booth featuring BDCAS Senior Activities with newsletters, general information and displays from Hooks and Needles, Wood Carving and Wood Burning. BDCAS volunteers will lead Bingo again for Expo attendees.

Public-at-large:

BDCH: by Barb Skaar – Dr. William Cary, a new general surgeon will be joining the staff in May. A new Elbow and Shoulder Surgeon will be joining the staff in fall. Dr. Raj is currently in California on a Young Fellowship. There was a discussion about the Community Health Assessment Survey 2019 and what it would be used for and who would use it.

ADRC: by Pam Couperus – Aging Advocacy Day is May 14, 2019. Registration deadline is April 30, 2019. The group will meet at the Park Hotel and Wisconsin State Capitol. The day will be spent with other advocates from around the state to help educate state legislators about issues affecting older adults and care-givers in Wisconsin.

Green Valley: by Meredith Winning – Life Academy will hold a Brat Fry at Rehek's on April 26, 2019. This and other dates will raise money for a new grill and to have a raised garden at Green Valley Enterprises. May 18, 2019 is the Annual Ham & Jam to be held at The Watermark. Life Academy and Children's Radio-a-thon will be holding a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch in Waupun. 50% of the sales will be donated to the two organizations. Life Academy After School Students will be bussing the tables.

Administrator's Report:

April 9, 2019 was the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. 90 people were able to attend. Edith's Cake and Catering provided the meal. We enjoyed a nice program of the Christmas news features of the Woodshop trains and banks and a slideshow featuring participants and programs from throughout the year. A donation from the family of Ann Westover of \$500.00 was received. A thank you has been sent. Leadership Beaver Dam will be concluding with a presentation of projects and graduation on May 8 at Chapel of the Archangels. Jana Stephens was part of a group that provided backpacks with food for kids for weekends. Focus on Women at the Juneau Community Center on April 25. Jana Stephens and Joan Hohenstein were there with a booth. Jana attended the Dodge County Arts Association's Open House recently and continues to discuss potential partnerships with them and other organizations in the community.

Special programs to note in May are by Marsh Haven, Jack & Holly Bartholmai's O is for Owl presentation and a workshop on Wills, Estates & Planning for the Future. Welcome Desk volunteers are featured in the next Volunteer Spotlight. Read the last page of the May Community Courier for the details about the people and projects they work on. May is Older Americans Month, all beverages from the coffee machine in the lounge are free.

The next meeting of the steering Committee is May 28, 2019 at 9:00am

Motion to adjourn made by Dan Swaagman, seconded by Jim Mack. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Pellerin.