

Senior Center Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Called to Order

Eileen Goodman at 9:00am
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Dan Swaagman, Darlene Morrissey (Treasurer), Eileen Goodman (Chairperson), Jim Mack, Marilyn Reichel, Marsha Horne, Dan Doyle, Pam Couperas, Wayne Schmitz (Vice Chairperson), Kay Appenfeldt, Terry Appenfeldt, Jana Stephens (Administrator), Anne Pellerin (Secretary)

Excused: Barb Skaar, Meredith Winning, Traci Gmeinder

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes made by Wayne S. Seconded by Marilyn R. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Read by Darlene M. Motion to approve Financial Report made by Jim M. Seconded by Marsha H. Motion carried. Report filed for Audit.

Public Comment

Nothing to report currently.

Public-at-Large

Barb Skaar, BDCH—Excused.

Meredith Winning, GVE—Excused.

Pam Couperas, ADRC—Nothing to report.

Standing Committee Reports

Archival, Kay Appenfeldt—Leadership Beaver Dam has completed their 11th year. The Senior Center has been sending 1 or 2 members since 2008. New projects will start in September. For more details see page 15 of the June Community Center Courier. Leadership Beaver Dam is under the auspices of the Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce.

Program, Marilyn Reichel—New programs have been announced on WBEV.

She and Jana have been brainstorming with Kurt Samuelson of the Dodge County Historical Society to present the history of Beaver Dam and area.

Having enough volunteers has been a concern. It has been suggested to hold a monthly raffle with various prizes.

Tour: Wayne Schmitz—The community at large is getting in on these trips.

2019 Day Trip registration numbers: Brewers Game-39, Edelweiss Lunch Cruise & Milwaukee Art Museum-33, Walworth County Barn Quilts-6, Murder Me Always-10 and Christmas Bakery Bus Tour-4.

2019 Extended Tour registration numbers: Alaska Adventure Cruise-6, Blue Danube River Cruise-4, New York City-0, Shades of Ireland-4, Hawaiian Cruising in Paradise-1, Virginia Beach Getaway-2.

We have the following 2020 Extended Tours scheduled: The Colorado Rockies, Maritimes Coastal Wonders and Portugal & Douro River Cruise.

Woodshop, Terry Appenfeldt—The Woodshop is busy cutting out the coal cars for this year's Holiday Parade. More wheels will have to be ordered soon. Students from the Life Academy will soon join them, each student will have a supervisor, as they work on different projects. There is a good inventory of animal banks, bird houses and bird house kits. Special orders are in the works. Wood scraps are still being donated from Northwoods Paper Converting and Menards.

Old Business

Senior Expo: Was held at Wayland Academy Field House and a great success! The Watermark had a total of 3 sections: Woodcarving/Woodburning, Hooks & Needles and general information about The Watermark. Thank you to Eileen G., Marsha H., Shirley M., Mary M., Marilyn R., Barb S., for volunteering to make the Senior Expo a success. Jana S. stated that more than 550 registered at the entry door. The committee is planning for a larger turnout for next year. Many people stopped to talk and ask questions about The Watermark activities, including the carved walking sticks that the Woodcarvers have been working on.

Steering Committee Orientation/Training: Senior Center Accreditation Overview—The Beaver Dam Senior Center has been accredited with Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers (WASC) since 2001 and has been reaccredited twice since. Why work toward Accreditation? It brings clarity to Senior Center operations, brings goodwill, provides direction, promotes efficiency and organization, demonstrates accountability, identifies areas to be expanded or strengthened, highlights programs and services, increases knowledge of Senior Center operations and heightens awareness. Jana recently attended a meeting of area Senior Centers including Fitchburg, Columbus, Beloit and Madison to name a few. Beaver Dam Senior Center is up for renewal in 2021. It was agreed upon not to pursue National Accreditation. 2/3 of WASC in Wisconsin are accredited.

New Business

Leadership Beaver Dam—It was voted on to sponsor a senior from The Watermark for the 2019-2020 program. The cost of \$550.00 will be covered by Senior Center Account. Motion made by Dan S., seconded by Jim M. An application form can be picked up at Customer Service during regular business hours. Past participants include David Travis, Kathy Woock, Wayne Schmitz and Jana Stephens among others.

Administrator's Report

The certificate Jana S. received for her participation in Leadership Beaver Dam was passed around. The project for her group was to send food home with children on weekends for those who qualified. The project was started with Wilson and South Beaver Dam schools. The group organized a food source and storage area. BD Middle School Student Council has taken on the project to pack the backpacks each week. The project is sustainable. Dan D. will make the City Council aware of the Backpack project.

The Woodburning program is expanding. Jana S. requested \$500.00 to buy more equipment. Motion made by Jim M. for the expenditure. Seconded by Marilyn R. Motion carried.

The 'O is for Owl' and Horicon Bank's presentation of 'Wills and Trusts' programs were well attended.

Future programs include Blue Zones Cooking Demos and Phone Fridays presented by U.S. Cellular to learn how to make the most of your device.

Room rentals at The Watermark are going well.

The Summer Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31 at Swan Park in the Mill St. Shelter. A traditional menu will be served. A Neil Diamond tribute artist will be the entertainment. More information is in the June Community Center Courier.

The Great Beaver Paddle Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 9:00am to 3:00pm at Waterworks Park, 800 Denning Ave. Free basic paddling clinics, test runs, and voyageur rides are offered.

Future Agenda Items

Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Darlene M. Seconded by Marsha H. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:16am.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 9:00am.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Pellerin