

Senior Center Steering Committee Minutes Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Called to Order

Eileen Goodman at 9:00am

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Barb Skaar, Anne Pellerin (Secretary), Darlene Morrissey (Treasurer), Eileen Goodman (Chairperson), Marilyn Reichel, Marsha Horne, Dan Doyle, Meredith Winning, Pam Couperas, Kay Appenfeldt, Terry Appenfeldt, Jana Stephens, Traci Gmeinder

Excused: Dan Swaagman, Jim Mack, Wayne Schmitz

Other Guests: Mayor Becky Glewen, Sue Mevis (Library)

Minutes

Motion to accept minutes made by Darlene Morrissey. Seconded by Marilyn Reichel. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Read by Darlene M. Motion to approve Financial Report made by Marilyn R. Seconded by Barb S. Motion approved and filed for audit.

Public Comment

Mayor Becky: AARP grant will help add more benches downtown. DPW will place the benches in the downtown area. Sue Mevis and Jana Stephens have been working on the new city website that will launch June 26. The mural on the American Bank walkway is complete. Citizens of all ages participated.

Public-at-Large

Meredith Winning, GVE – Children's Radio-a-thon was a success. Rob Servais is the new director. Life Academy currently has 30 students, with 9 already signed up for next fall. Life Academy is partnering with the woodshop this summer. Students will also be participating at the YMCA. The money raised during brat fries will be used for t-shirts.

Pam Copuerus, ADRC – Mind Over Matter workshop will be held at Stone Terrace Apts. in August and September. Dementia Friends WI will meet at the Watertown Public Library on July 16. Rock Steady Boxing program helps people with Parkinson's Disease. "Welcome to Medicare" workshop will be held August 28 at the Watertown Regional Medical Center.

Barb Skaar, BDCH – Dr. William Cray, a surgeon from Marshfield, will be joining the staff in Beaver Dam. Jolene O. is a Nurse Practitioner who will be working with a weight loss program in Waupun and soon in Beaver Dam. Dr. Ben Shier, Chiropractor, has an office near the YMCA with new hours at the hospital. There was a discussion about the CBD stores opening in town as to the quality of the product, research results, whether a prescription is needed and any recommendations.

Standing Committee Reports

Archival, Kay Appenfeldt – Gave brief history on the Woodshop. It opened in 1974 for the making and repairing of furniture. It is a self-funded program and contributes thousands of dollars to the Senior Center programs. The bird houses they made were helpful in bringing the Eastern Bluebird back to Dodge County. The woodshop also makes the cars given out at the Holiday Parade, animal banks and special projects as requested.

Program, Marilyn Reichel – A pool table has been made available for us to use at Tower Lanes. A volunteer Program Coordinator is needed for the pool program.

Travel, Eileen Goodman – An update was given on the Day Trips and Extended Tours.

Woodshop, Terry Appenfeldt – The shop is busy making coal cars for the Holiday Parade. Instead of using a branding iron to mark each coal car, a new rubber stamp will be used with our name and year on it. They will be ordering 8,000 wheels for the coal car project. Students from Life Academy will be joining them for the summer.

Old Business

Summer Picnic: Wednesday, July 31, 11:30am-2:30pm, at Swan Park in the Mill Street Shelter. The Watermark is the rain location. The meal will be catered and entertainment will be provided by Eric "Diamond", Wisconsin's favorite Neil Diamond Tribute Artist. Volunteers are needed to take attendance, hand out name tags and decorate tables.

WASC Accreditation: Under consideration.

New Business

Woodshop Funding Request: Terry requested \$1,636 to buy a used 2 year old 18" planer. The cost of the planer is \$1,350 plus \$286 for shipping from New Jersey. This would enable them to do new projects. BDUSD said they would help hook it up. Discussion was held on the type of machine and what research was done. Marilyn R. made a motion to approve the cost of \$1636.00 for an 18" planer. Seconded by Meredith W. Motion approved.

BDUSD Rental Fee Funding Request: The woodshop currently rents space at the Don Smith Learning Academy on Burnett St. for \$1/year. The School Board has notified the City of Beaver Dam that they would like to raise the rent to \$500/year to cover the cost of utilities and maintenance. The woodshop uses the building 4.5-5 hours, 5 days/week. Motion to approve made by Dan D. Seconded by Darlene M. Motion approved.

Senior Day at the Fair Booth Funding Request: Senior Day is Thursday August 15. A booth at Radio Park during WBEV'S program is \$500. This is a great opportunity to promote BDCAS programs and activities. Senior tickets are not sold at The Watermark. Darlene M. made a motion for the \$500 booth rental expense. Seconded by Meredith W. Motion approved.

BD Library/BDCAS Collaboration: Sue Mevis, Library Director, and Jana Stephens have discussed collaborating and co-sponsoring certain programs and for the Library to use The Watermark for their larger, more popular programs. Other services would stay at the Library.

Friends of the Community Center: Was formed to make The Watermark possible and is now disbanding. They have \$4,000 remaining in their account that will be turned over to the Senior Center. The funds will be used to purchase blinds and shades for the Community Rooms to better control the light level and more privacy for exercise classes and rentals. Customer Service will also get new signage like others in the building with the new logo. Estimates for these projects will be presented soon.

Volunteer Program Coordinator Meeting: Will be held on Friday, July 12 at 10:00am. The purpose is to update all program coordinators with policies, procedures and volunteer roll descriptions. A letter will be sent out to inform all coordinators.

Book of Golden Deeds Award: The Exchange Club of Beaver Dam honored Gloria Waddell with the Book of Golden Deeds Awards at a banquet in her honor on June 5. Gloria has given 68 years of service to the community including a dance studio and programs at The Watermark. The plaque will be on display at The Watermark for one month.

Administrator's Report

The AARP Tax Foundation offered free tax preparation at The Watermark during the 2019 tax season. 858 returns were prepared, with donations accepted. After office supply expenses were deducted, a total of \$1,754 was donated to the Senior Center.

Tina Swain will be presenting a Blue Zones cooking class at The Watermark. Look in the Community Courier for future activities.

Marsha Horne will be teaching woodburning techniques to students from Bright Futures. All involved are excited to begin this project. Beginner equipment was recently purchased for this project.

The American Bank Walkway Mural included silhouettes of participants at The Watermark.

Future Agenda Items

Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Pam C. Seconded by Darlene M. Meeting adjourned at 10:23am.

The next Steering Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 9:00am.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Pellerin