

Steering Committee Minutes
BDCAS Senior Division
Date: November 24, 2020

*This meeting took place via Zoom.

Called to Order

By Erv Munro at 8:35am

Erv M. and Eileen G. brought us up to date on the participants and volunteers who have passed away recently.

Roll Call

Jana Stephens, Anne Pellerin, Bob Falk, Eileen Goodman, Erv Munro, Jan Richardson, Kay Appenfeldt, Marsha Horne, Mary Morgan, Terry Appenfeldt

Excused

Barb Skaar, Kathy Woock, Pam Couperus, Marilyn Reichel, Traci Gmeinder

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Mary M., seconded by Bob F. Minutes approved as written.

Financial Report

Mary M. read the balances of the two checking accounts. Motion to approve the report made by Eileen G., seconded by Marsha H. Report approved as written.

Public-At-Large Reports

Jan Richardson from DCCA reported that their gift gallery is open from November 20 to December 23. The hours are Wednesday-Sunday 12:00pm to 6:00pm. The Center is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Art projects of all ages will be offered. DCCA will be open daily December 16 thru December 23. A bonus to the gallery is the work of featured artist Frank Mittelstadt on display. (Admission is free.) The decorative fence boards have been installed. Take a drive-thru to see them.

DCCA is partnering with Downtown Beaver Dam, Inc. (DBDI) on the Holiday Coloring Contest this year. Entries for the contest are due December 14. Prizes will be awarded after the judging.

Standing Committee Reports

Committees are on hold.

Old Business

Erv M. gave a review and explanation of the changes to the By-Laws, including the proper categories for each item, how amendments are handled and the timing of elections. Fees for non-residents and age guidelines are set by the City of Beaver Dam.

New Business

A motion was made to accept the revision of the By-Laws. Motion was made by Mary M. Seconded by Bob F. Motion carried.

Each year we host AARP Tax Aide Program. It began many years ago at the Senior Center and continues to be hosted at the Watermark. The service is free. However, many people give a donation. Donations are held in the Senior Center Account and may be used for AARP program expenses. Any funds leftover have traditionally been

donated to the BDCAS Senior Division to support programs and services for those age 50+. This year the AARP Tax Aide program is donating \$1,554.60 to us. To make it official, the Steering Committee is asked to approve a motion to accept a donation from the AARP Tax Aide program for the amount of \$1,554.60. A motion was made by Mary M., seconded by Bob F. Motion is carried.

Administrator's Report

The Steering Committee vacancy will be left open until the elections in April 2021.

Mayor Glewen closed all city-owned buildings to walk-in services thru the end of November. Additionally, the Mayor extended to the closure of The Watermark thru the end of December.

Virtual programming will continue in December and beyond. Many of the programs are free.

The Dodge County Nutrition Program continues with home delivery and curbside meal pickup. This program is available for those 60 and older. Call the ADRC office at 920-386-3580 for more information and to sign up.

The 2021 City Budget was approved on November 16. The BDCAS budget is similar to 2020, with a 2% increase. A second 82-inch computer/TV monitor will be installed LCU Room B.

Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers (WASC) held a virtual meeting that Jana S. and Erv M. attended. Directors from around the state shared updates from their communities and departments. The featured guest speaker at the meeting was De' Kendra Stamps, a regional representative from Feeding America food bank. She noted that only 40% of eligible seniors are accessing the programs including Food Share, food pantries and other programs available to them. Call 1-877-366-3635 for more information.

DBDI has cancelled the Holiday Parade due to the rise of COVID-19. The Coloring Contest, Window Decorating Contest, and the BMO drive-thru Santa visits are still happening as planned. We will not be handing out train cars from the Senior Woodshop this year.

The BDCAS Virtual Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 10 at 1:00pm. Think of this gathering like an old-fashioned radio program and a party line combined. Entertainment includes music by Elwood Lee, a video performance of the Seniorettes, a short program by the staff BDCAS staff and more. Joan Hohenstein (Recreation Supervisor) will be playing Christmas carols on the piano beginning at 12:45pm. Call (920) 887- 4639 for more information and to make your reservations.

Future Agenda Items

Eileen G. asks that people let her know of any members or volunteers who have passed away. Kay A. thanked Eileen G for doing this project.

Mary M. wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Jana S. thanked everyone for being a part of the Advisory Committee. It is important work we do.

Next Meeting is December 15, 2020 at 8:30am.

Motion to adjourn made to Mary M., seconded Eileen G. Meeting adjourned at 9:26am.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Pellerin