

Advisory Committee Minutes
BDCAS Senior Division
Date: December 15, 2020

*This Meeting took place via Zoom.

Called to Order

By Erv Munro at 8:35am

Roll Call

Jana Stephens, Traci Gmeinder, Anne Pellerin, Bob Falk, Eileen Goodman, Erv Munro, Kay Appenfeldt, Marsha Horne, Mary Morgan, Pam Couperus

Excused

Jan Richardson, Kathy Woock

Guests

Tom Heffron, Patrick Lutz

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Mary M., seconded by Eileen G., motion carried.

Financial Report

Motion to approve was made by Anne P. seconded by Pam C. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Tom H. and Patrick L. gave a presentation and update about the Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation. (beaverdamacf.com) BDACF is a long-term funding for area/county non-profits. It follows 501.3 IRS rules. The Fund is administered thru the Fond du Lac Community Foundation. All funds raised for BDACF stay in Dodge County. Tom H. and Patrick L. gave a summary of how funds are raised, and grants distributed. Examples of grants used are Swan Park Improvements, Dodge County EMT Training, BDPD K-9 and LED Crossing Guard signs.

Public-at-Large Reports

Pam Couperus –ADRC: All meetings and activities will be virtual for at least the first quarter. Pam did say that ADRC needs volunteers. Call her office at 920-386-4348 for more information.

Jan Richardson - DCCA: Report given by Jana S., DCCA Gift Shop and Gallery will be open through December 23. The art of Frank Mittlestadt will be on display. DCCA will be closed for January and February so volunteer members can make improvements to the building.

City of Beaver Dam, Common Council Liaison (BDCCL)

Kay A. is Alderson for Ward 11. Cotton Mill Park is to have a fishing platform and a kayak launch using a DNR Grant of \$50,000.00 for construction costs.

A clock has been installed outside the Chamber of Commerce office, donated by the City.

City Hall hours were recently changed and are now 7:30am to 4:00pm, all those entering must wear a mask.

The park at the corner of Front and Center Streets (next to Ming's Buffett) is being constructed with donations from the public.

Street reconstruction on S. Spring St. from Mill St. to Park Ave is being done with a grant of \$500,000.00. That section of street has the oldest underground pipes in the city.

Other projects include restoration of the Swan Park lagoon walls, three new stores are going to open soon at the old- mall on N. Spring St.

A bench in memory of Jim Mack is to be placed downtown.

Old Business

The updated by-laws were approved by the City Attorney and the City of Beaver Dam Administrative Committee.

New Business

Barb Skaar, Marshfield Medical Clinic-Beaver Dam, Director of Practice Management contacted Jana S. to notify her that she is transferring to the Marshfield Medical Center-Minocqua facility. **Eric Williams** has agreed to replace her on the Advisory Committee, pending approval of the Committee. Mary M. made a motion to approve the change. Eileen G. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Eileen G. to send a thank you note to Barb S. for her service on the Committee.

Memorial donations in the name of **Diane Fabini** have been added to the Scholarship Fund.

Administrator's Report

Copies of the January/February Community Center Courier can be picked up at locations around the city. An electronic copy is available on the city website. All volunteers will receive a copy in the mail.

Curbside service and virtual programs will continue at The Watermark through the winter. Watch for email and announcements in the newspaper and radio as well.

There are a variety of free take-and-make arts and crafts activities for pick-up at The Watermark. More details regarding current projects are available by calling us or watching Facebook for updates. Joan Hohenstein, Recreation Supervisor figures out what crafts to do, based on donated craft supplies on hand. They are always changing. The number of kits available varies with projects.

BDCAS staff members are working regular office hours at The Watermark and are available via phone and email 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Fri day. They are also taking customers by appointment during office hours. The staff is busy in the building with curbside pickups. Customers are asked to call in advance to make an appointment if possible and to knock on the front windows to get their attention when they arrive.

Dodge County Nutrition Program - reminder to encourage people to use this service. In addition to home delivered meals for those who qualify, curbside meals are available for pick-up at The Watermark to all area residents who are 60 and older. There is more information on the back cover of the Community Courier or call ADRC at 920-386-3580 for details.

BDCAS Virtual Christmas Party We experienced another historical milestone at BDCAS by hosting a virtual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 10. Approximately 50 people participated via Zoom. Entertainment included a visit from Santa Claus and The Grinch, live music by Joan Hohenstein and Elwood Lee, a video performance by the Seniorettes (video from last year's Holiday Parade after party) and a short program by the BDCAS Staff. We received excellent feedback from guests and the staff enjoyed the event.

Future Agenda Items

Eileen G. would like to acknowledge the volunteers we have lost in the past year. She will continue to send cards to their families.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 8:30am.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Bob F. Seconded by Mary M. Motion carried at 9:34am.

Respectfully Submitted by: Anne Pellerin