



MINUTES
WEST ALLIS COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Monday, March 23, 2015 at 3:45pm
West Allis Senior Center
7001 W. National Ave., West Allis, WI 53214
414-302-8700

West Allis Commission on Aging Mission Statement

"The West Allis Commission on Aging shall provide leadership in creating and maintaining a comprehensive coordinated community-based support system that enhances the quality of life of older adults in the City of West Allis."

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Wikenhauser
Debra Tiegs
Judith Schmidt
Margee Maydak
Linda Timm
John Zentgraf
Jessica Lisinski
Shannon Boone

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Terry Kelly

STAFF PRESENT: Denise Koenig
Sally Nusslock
Marilyn Matter

STAFF EXCUSED: Jane Kolinski
Peggy Pipia

1. Public invited to speak. None present.
2. Review Agenda. The Agenda was reviewed.
3. Approval of the Minutes for February 23, 2015. Minutes were reviewed and approved.
4. Correspondence and/or communications.
 - Interfaith Older Adult Programs and Interfaith Family Caregiver Support Network Newsletters
 - Milwaukee county Commission on Aging – Advocacy Committee Minutes – Governor’s proposed budget to continue funding for dementia Care specialists and Ombudsman Programs; proposed changes to Family Care, Iris, SeniorCare and ADRC’s.
 - Letter from Milwaukee Recreation regarding its annual Seniorfest this year at the Italian Community Center on Wednesday, June 10 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- Brochure and letter from Milwaukee Women’s Center for its Older Abused Women’s Program.
 - Milwaukee County Department on Aging Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes.
 - Flyer for the Food for the Hungry, Inc. annual Bread Raiser, which is Sunday, April 26th at Knights of Columbus Hall.
 - Wisconsin Long-Term Care Coalition informational flyer – Keep Our Care at Home- reaction to the Governor’s Budget.
 - Newspaper article regarding the Milwaukee County Board’s Transportation Committee GO Pass Program.
 - Sally Nusslock, Debbie Tiegs and Denise Koenig attended the National Avenue Corridor planning session where they voiced their concerns regarding both pedestrian safety and issues with the number of car accidents on National Avenue. Discussion included adding green space to the corridor along with new businesses, bike routes, building façade improvements and the development of a ‘brand’ for this area.
5. Discussion of Senior Discount program.
- John Zentgraf and Shannon Booth reported they have talked with Diane Eineichner from the Business Improvement District and have a meeting coming up. They will report additional information after the meeting. They hope to encourage local seniors to utilize local businesses and also establish some sort of discount program.
6. Discussion of Annual Senior Seminar for August 2015. The following topics were revisited –
- Health Topics – That Nurse Guy (expensive).
 - Nutrition – or lack thereof – ‘milk and cookie’ diet
 - Technology Fair– Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Internet, Apps for phones, Fit Bits. Possibly partner with Apple Store; MATC
 - The Commissioners felt the technology theme would have the most interest. A small group consisting of Trish Wikenhauser, Shannon Booth, Margee Maydak, and Linda Timm will meet with Denise to help plan the seminar. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m.
7. Update on the West Allis Senior Center Policies and Procedures.
- Denise spoke with City Attorney Scott Post for an update. He said Attorney Sheryl Kuhary is working on the updates and changes. Some of the content may have to go to the Common Council.
8. Report on Community Projects
- a. Stockbox Program Update. Denise Koenig reported that 93 participants are currently registered in the program. Ninety-three (93) boxes were distributed for the month of March.

- b. Network News Articles for the City Newsletter – We will need to submit the information for the Senior Seminar for the next newsletter, which will be for the months of June, July and August.
 - c. Lilac Bus Program Update –Shannon announced that the Lilac Bus Program is discontinued until further notice. The bus stopped running the end of February due some mechanical problems. Interfaith is working with Rotary to try to keep the program operating.
 - d. Interfaith West Central & Resource Center.
 - a. Shannon Booth reported that Saturday April 11 is Interfaith’s Volunteer Appreciation Event. On May 3, Interfaith will be at the Village at Manor Park.
 - b. Interfaith is averaging 20 new clients per month; currently serving 950 older adults. Good news is Interfaith received an increase in its CDBG budget.
 - c. Interfaith’s Pearls of Wisdom is scheduled for Thursday, May 14.
9. Staff Report
- Denise Koenig briefed the Commission on the following:
 - A LA CARTE Program and Senior Bingo on Sunday, June 7, 2014
 - Jane Kolinski remains out on medical leave.
 - March events included the St. Patrick’s Day Tossing of the Greens program in conjunction with Milwaukee County Meal Program, Movie matinees, Drumming Workshop, Dance, Dance, Dance; AARP Tax Assistance on Fridays; and the new Folk Dance Class.
 - Trust Fund Report (Quarterly) Report.
 - 1st quarter January – March – report presented at April meeting
 - 2nd quarter April – June – report presented at July meeting
 - 3rd quarter July-September – report presented at October meeting
 - 4th quarter October-December – report presented at January meeting
10. Discussion of items for April 23, 2015 meeting agenda.

- John Zentgraf and Shannon will plan to give an update on the Senior Discounts.
- Further discussion of the annual Senior Seminar in August. Deadline to get it in the next City Newsletter will be in early May.
- Discussion of A LA CARTE Bingo participation on June 7, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Koenig

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