



MINUTES
WEST ALLIS COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Monday, February 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: Debra Tiegs, Acting Chairperson
Judith Schmidt
Margee Maydak
Linda Timm
John Zentgraf
Jessica Lisinski
Shannon Boone

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Patricia Wikenhauser
Terry Kelly

STAFF PRESENT: Denise Koenig
Sally Nusslock
Marilyn Matter
Peggy Pipia

STAFF EXCUSED: Jane Kolinski

1. Public invited to speak. None present.
2. Review Agenda. The Agenda was reviewed.
3. Approval of the Minutes for January 27, 2015 minutes were reviewed and approved.
4. Correspondence and/or communications.
 - Community Dinner Dance – Champion For A Child – 3/21/15
 - Mayor Devine – press regarding the Hawley Rd and also National Avenue Corridor Study
 - Snapshot of Services - WAHD
 - Milwaukee County Commission on Aging - Agenda & Minutes, announcement of Mr. Easter, Dementia Care Specialist.
 - West Allis – West Milwaukee Community Assessment Advisory Team meeting
 - Alzheimer’s State Conference in Plover, WI.

5. Discussion of Senior Discount program.
 - Denise reported she spoke with Diane Eineichner from the Business Improvement District. Some of the independent senior living places have also talked about doing something for all seniors, not just Senior Center members. Diane would like to be included if a committee is formed for further discussions on this topic. John Zentgraf and Shannon Boone volunteered to meet and put some additional ideas together and they'll report at the next meeting.
6. Discussion of Annual Senior Seminar for August 2015.
 - Health Topics – That Nurse Guy
 - Nutrition – or lack thereof – ‘milk and cookie’ diet
 - Technology Overview or Fair– Insta-gram, Twitter, Facebook, Internet, Apps for phones, Fit Bits. Possibly partner with Apple Store; MATC
 - Falls Prevention & Nutrition
7. Update on the West Allis Senior Center Policies and Procedures.
 - City Attorney Scott Post is reviewing. Some of the content will eventually 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. Eighty-three (83) boxes were distributed for the month of February.
 - b. Network News Articles for the City Newsletter – We've noticed that the Senior Center's space is getting smaller. The proof for the Senior Center's information was passed around.
 - c. Lilac Bus Program Update –Shannon announced that there will not be any trips during March as the bus has some mechanical problems. She also warned that the program may be discontinued as the bus is aging and more things are going wrong. She also commented that it is getting difficult to find enough volunteers to chaperone the trips.
 - d. Interfaith West Central & Resource Center.
 - a. Shannon reported that the Spaghetti Dinner raised \$2400.
 - b. Saturday April 11 is Interfaith's Volunteer Appreciation Event.
 - c. Shannon also reported that Interfaith is 'getting new clients at an alarming rate'.
9. Staff Report
 - Denise Koenig briefed the Commission on the following:
 - Jane Kolinski is out on medical leave for approximately three months.
 - Terry Kelly, Commission on Aging Member is home recuperating from an illness.

- Several February events were held - Valentines, Mardi Gras, Chinese New Year - all programs are in conjunction with Milwaukee County Meal Program.
 - Other programs include: Drumming Circle Workshop – 5-week programs; Dance, Dance, Dance every Tuesday from 10 – 11 a.m.; AARP Tax Assistance on Fridays; Movie Matinees; St. Patrick’s Tossing of the Greens Party is coming up along with the new Folk Dance class beginning in March.
- 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 March 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.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pipia / Denise Koenig

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