



MINUTES
WEST ALLIS COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Monday, April 27, 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
Judith Schmidt
Margee Maydak
Linda Timm
John Zentgraf
Jessica Lisinski

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Shannon Boone
Terry Kelly
Debra Tiegs

STAFF PRESENT: Denise Koenig
Marilyn Matter
Peggy Pipia

STAFF EXCUSED: Jane Kolinski
Sally Nusslock

1. Public invited to speak. None present.
2. Review Agenda. The Agenda was reviewed.
3. Approval of the Minutes for April 27, 2015. Minutes were reviewed and approved.
4. Correspondence and/or communications.
 - Milwaukee County Commission on Aging – Meeting Agenda, minutes, Advocacy Committee Minutes and Committee & Council Meeting Schedule.
 - Pins for the Parade – Bowling Fundraiser for West Allis Christmas Parade – Saturday, May 2 at Rivera Lanes (86th and Greenfield).
 - Update on the Milwaukee Transit Committee GO Pass Program.

5. Discussion of Senior Discount program.

- Trish Wikenhauser reported that Shannon Boone is leaving West Central Interfaith in early May for employment elsewhere. The new director is transferring from another Interfaith site so the transition should be fairly smooth. Our best wishes to Shannon in her new job.
- John Zentgraf reported that he and Shannon met with Jason (The Landmark), Leah (Heritage) and Diane (Business Improvement District). They have another meeting coming up and have also invited Connie (Library Square) and the representative from Berkshire to attend. They hope to encourage local seniors to utilize local businesses and also establish some sort of discount program. In the meantime, they're putting together a letter to mail to area businesses regarding this program which will take effect between Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2016. They would like to do a mailing to approximately 300 businesses with an invitational letter and a response postcard. A discussion ensued regarding the costs connected with this mailing. Margee Maydak made a motion for the Commission on Aging to support the Senior Discount program by supplying the Commission on Aging's letterhead, envelopes, reply postcards and the postage needed to mail approximately 300 letters to area businesses. The costs would be covered by the Senior Center's Trust Account. The motion was voted on and approved by all in attendance.

6. Discussion of Annual Senior Seminar for August 2015. The following topics were revisited –

- Denise Koenig discussed the documentary, Cyber Seniors, a movie released in May of 2014 regarding connecting seniors with students to learn various forms of technology. The group previewed the trailer for the film on the Senior Center's projection unit. She also explained the purchasing cost and licensing required for showing the film at our annual seminar in August. A discussion ensued. Judy Schmidt made a motion to purchase the Cyber Senior package, which includes the DVD's and licensing for the cost of \$325.00 plus shipping, from the Senior Center's Bazaar Account. The following are meeting on Wednesday, April 29 at 2 p.m. to view the documentary in its entirety and help plan the upcoming seminar – Denise Koenig, Linda Timm, Margee Maydak and Trish Wikenhauser.

7. Update on the West Allis Senior Center Policies and Procedures.

- Sheryl Kuhary, City Attorney, worked on the updates and changes. Sally and Denise met to go over them and Sally has made suggestions to combine some of the information. Denise will talk with Sheryl about the changes and get back to the Commissioners for their approval before final changes are made. A couple of items will need to have Common Council approval.

8. Report on Community Projects

- a. Stockbox Program Update. Denise Koenig reported that 93 participants are currently registered in the program. Eighty-nine (84) boxes were distributed for the month of April.

- 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 –Interfaith is working with Rotary to try to keep the program operating and Trish said there may be good news coming down the pike. There is talk the bus may be replaced by a vehicle from a local dealership.
- d. Interfaith West Central & Resource Center.
 - a. Trish Wikenhauser reported that Interfaith’s Pearls of Wisdom is scheduled for Thursday, May 14. Keynote speaker is John McGivern.
 - b. The annual picnic is June 18 at Mary Queen of Heaven. All participants in West Central Interfaith area are invited. They are expecting 100 – 150 volunteers. Walgreens is helping to provide volunteers to help with the event.

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.
 - Movie matinees, Drumming Workshop, Dance, Dance, Dance and the new Folk Dance Class are going strong. The first Paint Party was successful and two more sessions are planned. The Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Department is sponsoring a safety program on May 20. This is also the day the Milwaukee County Transit will offer ‘GO Passes” here at the Senior Center between 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. We are expecting a big turn-out for the free annual bus passes. The passes are available to those age 65 and older or those who are disabled.
- Trust Fund Report (Quarterly) Report.
 - 1st quarter January – March – report presented at April meeting (Will be mailed with April minutes)
 - 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 May 18, 2015 meeting agenda.

- John Zentgraf will plan to give an update on the Senior Discounts.
- Further discussion of the annual Senior Seminar in August.
- Discussion of A LA CARTE Bingo participation on June 7, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Koenig

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