



MINUTES
WEST ALLIS COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
Monday, March 25, 2013 3:15 P.M.
West Allis Senior Center
7001 West National Avenue, West Allis, WI 53214
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: Fred Kuolt, Chairperson
Patricia Wikenhauser
Terry Kelly
Judith Schmidt
Margee Maydak
Bekki Schmitt
Deborah Tiegs

STAFF PRESENT: Denise Koenig
Jane Kolinski
Sally Nusslock
Marilyn Matter
Peggy Pipia

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: William Green

1. Public Invited to Speak.
2. Review Agenda. The Agenda was reviewed.
3. Approval of the Minutes for Monday, February 25, 2013, minutes were reviewed and approved.
4. Correspondence and/or Communications
 - Milwaukee County Department on Aging – Advocacy Committee Agenda & Minutes
 - Milwaukee County Department on Aging – Committee & Council Meeting Schedule
 - Milwaukee County Department on Aging – Agenda and Minutes
 - Milwaukee County Department on Aging – Executive Committee Agenda and Minutes

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- Interfaith – Quarterly Newsletter
- Letter from Michael and Mary Laska
- Letter from University of Pittsburg

5. Report on Community Projects

a. Stockbox Program Update

Jane Kolinski reported that 107 participants are currently registered in the program and 96 Stockboxes were distributed in March. Hunger Task Force currently has a waiting list for new applicants in place.

b. Network News Articles for the City Newsletter

Denise Koenig reported that the city newsletter was collated by senior center volunteers and was sent out for citywide distribution.

c. Lilac Bus Program Update

Bekki Schmitt reported that the Lilac Bus made several trips this month. They included, Old World Third Street, Glorioso's Italian Market, lunch at Ma Fisher's, shopping at Trader Joe's, and Sendik's.

d. Interfaith West Central & Resource Center

Bekki Schmitt reported that Spring Yard Clean Up is scheduled for May 4, 2013. Interfaith volunteers will be able to assist 25 homeowners with yard cleanup. Due to an increase in volunteers Interfaith has also been able to provide more rides to doctor appointments and home visits. She further stated that starting in November they will be looking for a new Senior Intern.

6. Report on the Community Development Block Grants

a. Senior Center Services Projects – S.A.F.E Directories/Computer Literacy

Safebooks: Jane Kolinski reported that the majority of the 2013 Safebooks have been distributed. Additional books are still available.

Computer Literacy: Denise Koenig reported that updates were performed on the lab computers. She further stated that the Human Resources Division from City Hall would be using the computer lab for city employment testing.

Senior Center Improvements Projects – Current Projects

Denise Koenig reported that the door entrance projects are still open and we are waiting the release of project funds. Further details will be presented as they become available.

Senior Government Day – Denise Koenig reported that a topic was selected for the upcoming Senior Government Program. The topic is: Making Informed Choices – Moving From Your Home Vs. Assistance at Home. The sub-committee met and started laying out a two-part program. The first half will consist of a panel of individuals who have experienced the decision making process. The second half of the program will feature a guest speaker focusing on ‘Getting Your Support Network in Place’. Further details will be presented to the Commission as they become available.

7. Staff Report

a. Senior Center Activities and Statistics

- Denise Koenig reviewed several Senior Center events.
- Spring Rummage Sale – Scheduled for Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10, 2013
- AARP Free Tax Assistance - Fridays 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM through April 12, 2013
- Royal Community Baby Shower – Tuesday, June 4, 2013 event proceeds will benefit the West Allis Health Department ‘Storks Nest Program’.
- Free Blood Pressure Screening – will again be provided by Marquette University Nursing Students on Thursday, April 4, 2013 from 9:30AM – 11:00AM.
- Everywoman’s Journal Workshop – scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2013 12:15PM-2:45PM. This workshop is led by Health Department Instructor Peggy Pipa.
- Tours and Adventures –The Emperor’s New Tuxedo performance scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

b. Discussion of an “all in one” multifunction printer/fax/scanner/copier.

Denise Koenig reported that the Senior Center will use the current machine until it is no longer repairable. A used backup machine is on standby in storage.

c. Discussion of Combination soda/snack machine.

Denise Koenig reported that the vending machine is currently being advertised on Craig’s List.

d. Trust Fund Report (Quarterly)

- 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

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8. Discussion of items for April 22, 2013, meeting agenda.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Kolinski

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