

Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center
Committee on Aging
May 16, 2013

Committee Members Present: Chairperson Eugene Simon. Jack Ader, Diane Goetsch, Chris Malm, Peggy Jackelen and Art Lersch. Absent: Missy Holdorf

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am. Motion was made by Malm, seconded by Lersch to approve the minutes from the March 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Program updates:

Writers Club - Classes will begin in May with those who are interested in creating short stories of their own. Classes will also be offered in Rhinelander for those wanting to attend. Jane will be teaching the classes here at the center every other Monday.

Walking Club - scheduled to start the first Tuesday in June. The walkers will walk from City Hall for 45 minutes on Tuesday and Thursdays.

Older Americans Month Update - Several special activities were scheduled for the month of May. Rochelle Pennington Author and speaker will be at the center on May 10th. "Celebration of Life" and Korean War Memories was scheduled for May 15th. Volunteer recognition is scheduled for May 30th.

Leaf Casting Classes - Classes will begin in June and run through September. 6 people per class with a donation of \$20.00 to the center. Classes will run during the daytime as well as evening classes.

Summer Fish Boils - Randy Schultz will be providing Fish Boils for the center. The first one is scheduled for June 13th at Stange's Kitchenette. They will be held monthly through September.

Kate's Kids - Special friends spent their last day this school year with us on May 23rd with a special project, treats and a quilt that was given to the one student who will be leaving this year. Wonderful day planned with 7 students, 2 teachers and 9 volunteers.

Committee on Aging Officers; Nominations for Co- Chairperson. Jack Ader. Nominations for Chairperson. Eugene Simon. Motion was made by Malm, seconded by Jackelen to accept the nominations for board. Motion carried.

Conference Presentation; Jane presented to workshops at the State Alzheimer's Association Conference at the Dells the first week of May. One breakout session was creating a support group of your own and the other was a "Father's and Daughters" Journey.

WASC (Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers) Accreditation Process is underway for the MACEC. Kathy Olson and Jane are working hard to have completed this year. Other members from the community and committee will be asked to come on board once the outline is in place.

Ageless Wisdom Update; The entries continue to come in. The committee will discuss how many books to purchase and to give marketing ideas. We are hopeful to have a publication and distribution date of September 1st.

GRABAARWR Bike Event; The MACEC has been asked to have a Rest Stop in Merrill. We will set up at Stange's Kitchenette on June 24th from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Volunteers will help the staff man the stop. Food and drinks will be provided.

ADRC - Erin was not present.

Center Staffing; There was some committee discussion on the center and the staffing hours because of staffing shortages due to sick time. Jane will report back to the committee in June.

Motion made by Ader, seconded by Malm to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried. The committee has asked that Mayor Bialecki, Tom Haden, Kathy Unertl and Dave Johnson attend the meeting in June for discussion on budgetary cuts for 2014. A message will be directed to each of them for their input.

No public comment.

Motion made by Ader, seconded by Lersch to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Jane A. Deau, Director MACEC.