

Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center  
Committee on Aging  
July 18, 2013

Committee Members Present: Eugene Simon, Chairperson. Chris Malm, Alderperson. Jack Ader, Peggy Jackelen, Art Lersch, Diane Goetsch and Missy Holdorf. Guest City Admin. Dave Johnson. Erin Zastrow, ADRC.

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

Program updates and results;

Rummage Sale went well with approx.. Sales \$495.00. Items are still being sold from boxes. All items were either donated or items that are no longer used at the center.

Leaf Casting Classes are once again a huge success. This is one of our major fund raisers for the center. This year due to the weather we will only be able to teach 6 classes at \$20.00 per class; 6 students per class.

GRABAAWR Bike Stop was a huge success with 160 bikers stopping at our stop. They contacted us to provide the rest stop. Several volunteers assisted with the event which lasted 5 hours at Stange's Kitchenette.

Crazy Days will be held August 15<sup>th</sup>. The center will be located in front of VIP Office Supplies. A number of items will be on display for sale. Volunteers will assist at the center and downtown. This is a wonderful opportunity to get out and great the community!

National Night - August 7<sup>th</sup>. The center has been asked to participate in this first time event. The center will offer free pie and ice cream as well as some fun stuff for the kids. We are also hoping to bring along items from our craft shop as well.

Ageless Wisdom; we are currently working on the book. Several people continue to respond to the project. The deadline for submissions has been extended, but will wrap up my mid - August. The publication date has been extended as well. Updates will continue.

Update on Accreditation; Kathy Olson and Deau continue to work towards the WASC State Accreditation process. We are looking to complete it by December 2013.

2014 Budget - Dave Johnson; Discussion on the center and what things look like for 2014. In order to maintain the operation of the center Art Lersch, UW Extension, Lincoln County has offered to work on a survey to see how the center is serving the community and what the needs are. This survey will assist with the outcome of the center and the direction that it will take. The survey will be out in the community for several events throughout the summer with the results to be compiled and shared with the committee. Any

ADRC - Erin Zastrow; Lincoln County ADRC has a new Community Health Educator that will be serving the Merrill Area. Deau will plan on working with her on several options for programs at the center. Due to some funding issues there are meal sites closing due to federal cuts coming down to local ADRC. Erin will continue to share information with the committee on a monthly basis.

Motion made by Jackelen, second by Goetsch to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lersch, seconded by Malm to adjourn at 9:00 am. Motion carried.

Next meeting date is scheduled for August 15, 2013.

Minutes submitted by Jane A. Deau, Director.