

Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center
Committee on Aging
September 19, 2013

Committee Members Present; Eugene Simon, Chairperson. Art Lersch, Jack Ader, Diane Goetsch, Peggy Jackelen, Chris Malm - Alderperson, Erin Zatrow – ADRC Rep.

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

Program updates and results;

Rochelle Pennington presented “Endurance” on September 5th at the MACEC. Forty-four people attended the program with a book signing at the end. We will be inviting her back in the spring of 2014.

Excel Classes will be provided to the public and employees of City Hall. The first class will be held on October 4th. The four hour class will cost \$17.00 per participant. The instructor is from the NTC out of Wausau.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner this year will be held on November 28th at St. John’s Church. Jane will meet with the church and help organize the event. The center is responsible for taking all reservations and taking care of the home delivered meals. Last year over 325 people were served.

ALASO Meeting is now located at the Ministry Health Care Center on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

Ageless Wisdom; Jane continues to work on the book. Rochelle Pennington, has authored several books and is willing to help Jane with the publication of Ageless Wisdom. The book will not be out before the first of the year. Due to the limited time before the end of the year the date has been extended out till spring of 2014.

Survey 2013; Art reported that he has approx. 180 surveys turned in already. The information will be compiled and distributed once we have completed the focus groups.

Focus Groups Meeting schedule; October 10th meeting will be with participants. October 24th meeting will be with volunteers. November 6th will be with potential users and November 13 will be with agencies within the community. Results will be compiled and shared with the committee as well.

Foundation Funding Request; Jane has shared with the committee program ideas with the center. Brining the kitchen up to code to meet state regulations, providing a meal on Thursdays for low-income people in the community, fun-lunches for kids during the summer adding one more day to the current lunch program, subsidizing programs at the center that have costs for instructors and a van that would provide transportation for those needing transportation outside of the current busing that is available in the Merrill Area. Jane will be reporting back on a monthly basis.

Budget 2014; The proposed budget was shared with the committee. A motion was made by Lersch, seconded by Jackelen to approve the budget draft with one change. That the Telephone Service line item would include the monthly costs for the current cell-phone for the center. Motion carried.

ADRC – Erin Zastrow; Information on the program created by the Lincoln County Falls Coalition in collaboration with the Marshfield Clinic. They have developed a senior peer to peer fall risk home visit program called Independent and Upright. The program will provide an in-home visit to assess safety of the home environment and provide community resources for fall prevention. The program is not yet available to the community, but senior volunteers are needed. Please phone (715) 221-8472 for more information or to sign up as a volunteer. Jane will take a look at her volunteers and help with recruiting.

Motion was made by Lersch, seconded by Malm to approve the vouchers as presented for the month. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am. Next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2013.

Minutes submitted by Jane A. Deau, Director MACEC.