

Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center
Committee on Aging
October 17, 2013

Committee Members Present: Eugene Simon, Chairperson. Jack Ader, Diane Goetsch, Peggy Jackelen, Art Lersch. Chris Malm, Alderperson. Erin Zastrow, ADRC.

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

Program updates and results;

Craft Fair is scheduled for October 30th with 14-16 crafters displaying their craft items. This is a wonderful time for the community to visit the center and see what we have to offer as well as area crafters.

Kate's Kids; November 14th "Puppy Training Program" Deb Hall will present to the group of students and volunteers the Leader Dog program for the blind. She is currently a puppy trainer for the Leader Dog program.

National Memory Loss Screening Day is scheduled for November 21st; the center will have a number of agencies at the center providing information on memory loss. Dr. Sedlacek from Ministry Health Care will be doing a mini-memory screening exam for the community. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The hours are 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner; is scheduled for November 28th at St. John's Church. A meal will be served at the church at noon. There will also be home delivered meals available as well as pick up. The center is responsible for working closely with the church, taking all reservations, recruiting volunteer drivers for the home delivered routes. Previous years had over 200 home delivered meals. This year the church plans on cooking for 350 people.

Sharing Christmas Spirit 2013; The center once again will sponsor Sharing Christmas Spirit with gifts and food being provided for 120+ people in the community who will be alone for the holidays. Delivery date is scheduled for December 23rd.

Ageless Wisdom; due to the busy time of the year now through the end of the year, "Ageless Wisdom" will be put on hold until January. Estimated publication

time is due in April 2014. Rochelle Pennington will assist Deau with reviewing the materials.

Focus Groups; The first focus group for the center. In attendance were the participants that are actively involved with the center. To follow will be the volunteers, potential users and agencies in the aging field. It was also suggested that we add businesses to this group. A complete report will be compiled for distribution to all committee members.

Foundation Results; Deau has reported to the committee that the request for funding from the Bierman Family Foundation has been approved. Deau will proceed with updating the kitchen appliances, creating new programs with subsidize funding and the purchase of the shuttle bus for the center. The work should be completed by mid- January with all programs running by the first of February. Motion was made by Lersch for moving forward with the funding purchases for the center, second by Malm. Motion carried. Deau will continue to inform the City Administrator and Finance Director on any and all purchases.

ADRC Erin Zastrow; Report was given sharing information that no one from the ADRC is working directly with the affordable care market place. The Marshfield Clinic does have staff that can assist with information. Lersch mentioned that he was going to be on-line for a training and would share any information that would assist with the affordable care act.

Motion made by Malm, seconded by Ader to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

No public comment.

There will be no committee meeting in November. Next meeting will be on December 19, 2013.

Motion made by Ader, seconded by Malm to adjourn. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Jane A. Deau, Director.