

Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center
Committee on Aging
January 16, 2014

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am. Motion was made by Malm, seconded by Jackelen to approve the minutes as presented for the December meeting. Motion carried.

Program update:

Kate's Kids Christmas Gathering; The students and volunteers had a wonderful time with the students receiving a special "build a bear" that was created just for them. Funding for this project came from the "Sharing Christmas Spirit" Project.

Get Away Day; A Wendorf bus was taken to the Appleton area for the day. It was decided that once the shuttle van is available that will be used for day trips due to the costs and the lower number of people signing up for the trips.

"Sharing Christmas Spirit" Results; This year we hit an all-time high serving over 149 people, which included 9 children who were being cared for by their grandparents.

Nancy Wilde Military Presentation; during our Christmas Gathering we had a wonderful event for Nancy Wilde. Nancy wrote out 2,400 greeting cards for the servicemen and women serving here in the states and across the country. A total of 3,600 cards left the center on December 1st. Nancy was given an American Flag that was flown in Afghanistan. She also had 30 family members present during the event. She was completely surprised with the whole event!

Red Hatter's Anniversary; The Red Hatter's celebrated their 11th Anniversary at the MACEC. This was the original group that was created at the center and one of the first ones to begin in Merrill. A luncheon was provided and games followed!

Monthly Dinner and Bingo; each month the center will be hosting a Dinner and Bingo Gathering. We are averaging 40-60 people each month who are attending. This will be a monthly program at the center.

Lifetime Screening; The screening will take place on February 19, 2014 across the hall in the Conference Room. We provide the room and refreshments

to those attending the screening. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce 40-50 new people to the center. Lifetime Screening has been in the area for a number of years. Rotating facilities.

2014 Service Directory; Deau is working directly with the Merrill Courier to complete the 2014 Service Directory. The Courier provides all of the funding for this project, and we provide all of the information. A thank you note will be given to all of the agencies and businesses financially supporting the directory.

MACEC Sign; the committee gave Deau several ideas for the new sign that will be placed in front of City Hall. With the name change it was felt that a new sign should be purchased. Deau is working directly with Custom Murals in creating a new sign.

Shuttle Van update; The Shuttle Van has been ordered through StarCraft Bus – Atlas Bus Service. Deau has met and spoken with a number of people currently using this Bus Sales. Additional safety extras have been purchased to assure safety for both the passengers and driver. We are looking at the van being delivered sometime mid-March.

Kitchen update; Deau will be contacting Hardgrave's for pricing on their commercial appliances needed for the kitchen across from the center. We are currently looking for a stove, refrigerator and oven. The kitchen should be ready to be used by mid-March. Once the kitchen is in place the meal program will be up and running. Deau is currently working with Dave Raddenbach to get the kitchen up and running for the "Community Table" meal that will be served out of the center weekly.

ADRC - No report.

Public Comment; Art Lersch did comment that he will be working with Deau to complete the survey for the center. Meeting in February and having results sometime in March.

Motion made by Lersch, seconded by Malm to approve the vouchers for December 2013 and January 2014. Motion carried.

Next meeting February 20, 2014 at 8:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am. Minutes submitted by Jane A. Deau.