

Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center  
Committee on Aging  
April 17, 2014

Committee Members Present; Eugene Simon, Chairperson. Jack Ader, Diance Goetsch, Art Lersch, Peggy Jackelen, Ader Person Chris Malm. Absent Missy Holdorf.

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 am. Motion made by Ader, seconded by Goetsch to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Program Updates;

“Meet and Greet” introduced Dick Bettin to the center and several onlookers. For the month of April Susan VanSleet will be at the center to discuss her book “Mary and Me”. Each month a special guest will be at the center. A movie will also be shown the first of every month at the TB Scott Library at 12:30 pm.

AARP Tax Assistance; A number of volunteers from Wausau drove to Merrill one day a month to assist low income residents with their taxes. This is the second year that they have come to our community. There is a strong request for Merrill to provide volunteers to assist next year. We will need to recruit volunteers to take the training in the fall. Wausau will still be willing to help but they have become so busy that they cannot be sending 14 volunteers to Merrill when they are needed in Wausau. Transportation (from Merrill to Wausau) will also be available to assist those who cannot make it to the center for assistance.

Kate’s Kids Adventure; The center will be sending 8 volunteers to Jim Peck’s Wildlife with Kate’s Kids. Deau will be driving the volunteers up north and the school will be providing the transportation for the students. This event will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

April 26<sup>th</sup> Event; Deau will be attend an expo at the Tomahawk Community Center to promote the programs and services at the center. This event will be held on a Saturday to attract families as well as older adults. Support Groups and the meal program will high light of the discussion. Vandre will also be attending.

Ageless Wisdom update; The book is going to become a reality with the assistance from a number of volunteers and Kathy Olson. With several meetings scheduled

in April and May we are hoping for a print date sometime late May. There will be more discussion in May as to how many to order to be sold.

Meal Program update; The meal program has been a huge success with the high to date of 82 attending. Volunteers play a huge part in the success of the program. We will continue to update you on the numbers and costs. This program is financially supported by the Bierman Family Foundation.

Shuttle Bus; The shuttle bus has been a huge asset. The first trip was held on April 11<sup>th</sup> for a trial run. Several outings will be scheduled for the summer. The bus is currently parked in the old Fire Station. Since receiving the bus back up mirrors have been placed on the side and back of the bus.

MACEC 2015 - Strategic Planning update; Deau will be talking with committee members as well as City Admin. Dave Johnson to create a new job description for the director's position. Art also comments on the strategic plan as a whole with the discussion of the Vision and Mission of the city. Deau will also be meeting with Art to discuss the center's plan.

ADRC Erin Zastrow; was not present to report.

Motion made and second by Malm to approve the vouchers as presented. Seconded by Ader. Motion carried.

No Public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Next meeting scheduled for May 15, 2014.

Minutes submitted by Jane A. Deau, Director.