

Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center
Committee on Aging
May 15, 2014

Committee Members present; Eugene Simon, Chairperson. Peggy Jackelen, Diane Goetsch, Jack Ader and Mary Ball (new committee member). Erin Zastrow ADRC Rep. Absent; Chris Malm, Missy Holdorf and Art Lersch.

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

Program updates and results;

“Meet and Greet” for May was a success with Susan VanSleet. She spoke to a group of 38 women. “Meet and Greet” is currently held the first Friday of each month. This date will change once the center goes to a four day week.

Bus Trips are scheduled throughout the summer. Two trips to the Amish community, one to Waupaca to the Veterans Home and a tour of Artists in the Northwood’s.

Wreaths will be completed this month and displayed at the Memorial Cemetery the week prior to Memorial Day. This project was started in 2008 when Merrill celebrated their 125th Anniversary. The wreaths were displayed on stones 100+ years old that were not attended to. Each year since 40-60 wreaths are displayed for the summer and collected in the fall. They are then stored and refurbished for the next summer.

Daddy Daughter Dance is scheduled for June 8th at the Eagles Club. This event is to offer a wonderful opportunity for Fathers of all ages to attend a dance with their daughters and granddaughters.

Scenery Painting Group; Sharon has invited her One Stroke Painting Group to her home for a special outing. Transportation will be provided to her home for the day. This will be scheduled throughout the summer months,

Party at the Center - Retirement Farewell is scheduled for June 25th from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. The community is invited to “Drop in” at the center for refreshments.

Ageless Wisdom Publication; Deau is working with Kathy Olson and Color Vision on the publication. After several months of editing the book is ready to

add the final touches. Several volunteers stepped to help with the editing. Now the final touches will be added and going to print the end of June.

Meal Program Update; the meals served on Thursdays have been a huge success. We currently prepare for 80-90 people every week. 12-15 volunteers assist with the program. Deau is hoping to recruit others to do the cooking.

Review Job Description; A hiring freeze will need to be lifted in order for the position of Director of the MACEC to begin its recruitment process. A job description has been developed and given to City Administrator for final changes. The posting will begin once approved by the City Council.

ADRC - Nothing to report.

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

No Public comment.

Next meeting date is scheduled for June 19, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Minutes submitted by Jane A. Deau, Director MACEC.