

City of Merrill
Committee on Aging
(Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center)
Meeting Minutes, June 19, 2014

Members Present: Mary Ball, Art Lersch, Eugene Simon, and Chris Malm

The meeting was called to order by Eugene Simon at 8:07 am.

Jane Deau was not physically present due to an injury so the meeting was conducted via speaker phone with members and Jane.

The previous month's meeting minutes will be approved at the July meeting.

The agenda item, "Program Updates and Results" was tabled until the July meeting.

Ageless Wisdom Update: Jane informed members present that the book will be at the publishers within two weeks. There will be an initial printing of 400 books.

Bus Trips Discussion: There was a verbal concern, nothing written, by an individual regarding a previous bus trip conducted by Jane of which she was the driver. Jane explained to committee members where and how this concern had originated from that trip. The verbal concern was brought to the attention of City of Merrill administration and Rich at the Merrill-Go-Round that the driver of this bus may have to have a CDL license to operate the bus. Jane has offered to drive the bus with Rich so he can evaluate how she drives the bus July 1. Rich will then report the drive to City of Merrill administration. However, Jane is not planning on obtaining a CDL. Jane emphasized that not having to have a CDL for the person who would be driving the bus was a determining factor in purchasing it. Also, trips are only planned using the bus April through November. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

MACEC Hours Change: Because of budget issues each year, whoever is hired for Jane's job will work Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. These hours may change down the road, but will be effective the first Friday in July.

Review Job Description/Hiring Process: Jane explained the application/interviewing process to members. There have been twelve applications submitted thus far. Candidates have until June 27 to submit an application. A tentative start date for the position is the third or fourth week of July. It is hoped that Jane and Erin (ADRC representative) or Diane (Committee on Aging member) will be part of the interviewing process.

GWAAR “Special Service Award”: Tabled until the July meeting.

Community Meal: Tabled until the July meeting.

ADRC Representative Update: No report.

Approval of vouchers: Submitted vouchers were approved by committee members present.

Public Comment: No public comment.

The next Committee on Aging meeting will be Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 8:00 am at the Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center.

Motion by Eugene Simon to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chris Malm. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ball
Committee on Aging Committee Member