

MACEC
Committee on Aging
Meeting Minutes
October 30th, 2014

Members Present: Eugene Simon, Art Lersch, S. Peggy Jackelen, Erin Zastrow,
Diane Goetsch, Chris Malm, Mary Ball

1. Opening

- a. Meeting called to order by Simon.

2. Consent Items

- a. Motion made by Malm, second by Jackelen to approve minutes from previous meeting as presented. Motion carried.
- b. Motion made by Lersch to approve vouchers, second by Malm. Motion carried.

3. Program updates and results

a. **Budget Meeting**

Discussion on the city budget meeting and where the Center is at. One of the goals for 2015 is for the Center to complete a Strategic Plan which will assist in identifying opportunities for improvement and growth. Ultimately the Director would like to obtain a new location for the Enrichment Center. The Strategic Plan will assist in this planning. Mention was made of a survey that was completed prior to Directors arrival. Will wait to receive this information to analyze.

b. **Volunteer Training**

Discussed the recommendations brought forth by the volunteers. Expectations were set in two main areas; safety and etiquette.

c. **Craft Sale Results**

Traffic to the Center increased this year which was one of our main goals in getting people to know where we are located and what we offer.

d. **Ageless Wisdom**

Copies shown to board (along with a few sales...thank you!) Jane and Kathy will be promoting the book at libraries and book stores in Central and Northern Wi. Recommendation was made to call Jeremy at the Foto News for promotion. Director has contacted Jeremy.

e. **Community Meal** increase in donations

With only one week as an exception, our donations have increased as a result of changing our wording to a 'goodwill donation.'

4. AARP Foundation Tax Volunteers

Need volunteers to provide this service in Merrill. Recommendation was made by Diane to contact the Rotary. Director will also reach out to the retired teachers group.

5. Request to change day of meeting

An agreement to change the date of our Committee meeting to the third Wednesday of each month instead of the third Thursday was made by all present at the meeting. Reason for change request was due to the Community Meal on Thursdays.

6. ADRC Representative update

CESA 9 has helped Lincoln County pull together a transition initiative called a C-COT (County Community on Transition). Transition in this context references children with disabilities that are 17 moving into the adult world. Issues that need to be addressed are

guardianship, adult disability, Social Security, Housing, Employment, Benefits, etc. Entities that have different roles (from providing the service, to educating, to making referrals) have come to the table for discussions on how to make this a smooth transition for kids and their parents.

We started by discussing the ideas generated for meeting the needs in these areas: Information, Making Connections and Employment.

The group is polling parents and students. Recently CESA held a training about "Community Conversations" to look at the possibility of using that as a technique with the CCOT to help teens and young adults with disabilities with growing employment opportunities.

It was also discussed that once we have post high school data through post high interviews we will be able focus in on what outcomes are important in Lincoln County. There was also discussion that we could reach out to the parents and students and get an idea of what they feel they need to improve post high outcomes.

Partners at the table for the Transition group
Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin
Community Care Connections of Wisconsin
Tomahawk School District
Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS)
CESA 9
North Central Health Care
Northern Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

7. Correspondence

a. Ideas/Comments from the Board

Art Lersch asked when Director would begin looking into Grants for the center.

The Director will begin actively looking into grant possibilities in January 2015.

Lersch also mentioned the Plum Creek Foundation based in Seattle Washington.

The Foundation would no longer be accepting grant applications from the state of Wisconsin as of Oct. 31st, 2014.

This conversation resulted in a completed grant application for the MACEC specifically for our quilting activities. The result should be known in December.

A second suggestion was made by Chris Malm to collaborate with various individuals from our community who are skilled in grant writing; Haven and the River Bend Trail group were mentioned. Name suggestion was "Merrill's Grant Writers Guild." The Director will look into this possibility.

8. Public Comment

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Goetsch, second by Ball. Motion carried.