

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

MACEC Committee on Aging

Wednesday December 17th, 2014

8:00 a.m.

Lower level of Merrill City Hall

Voting Members: Art Lersch, Eugene Simon (Chairperson), Mary Ball, S. Peggy Jackelen, Diane Goetsch, Chris Malm (Aldersperson)

Minutes

1. Opening

- a. Meeting called to order by Simon

2. Consent Items

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

3. Program updates and results

a. Grants submitted

Director announced the Center was awarded the Golden Eagle Fund. Reception is January 10th starting at 5pm. Plum Creek will inform us by the end of December. Director will email Committee once we find out.

b. Thanksgiving Dinner Follow-up

Director shared the situation that occurred after the Thanksgiving Day Dinner. A handful of complaints were brought to the attention of the Center Director. Due to improper food handling, a few of the turkeys ended up spoiled. Thankfully, there were no reported illnesses. The Director contacted all businesses and organizations involved to determine what happened and how to prevent reoccurrence. The Director then sent a letter to the appropriate people explaining the situation. The letter was handed out to committee members. To prevent reoccurrence, the Director will work with the appropriate people to create a food handling safety sheet for all organizations involved in food preparation for the Thanksgiving Day Meal.

c. Sharing Christmas Spirit

As of the time of our meeting, we had around 90 people on our delivery list. Lee's Piggly Wiggly and Hugo's prepare the food for us on the same day as it is delivered, December 23rd. Hugo's has generously donated the pasta.

d. Senior Worker on board.

Director announced our new senior worker Reggie Le Duc-Adumat. We are hopeful it will be a long-term assignment.

4. New year changes

- a. **No Snacks** - There will be no snacks served during Center activities as of January 1st – Tammie and Lorri discussed this with all groups the second week of December. The news was very well received by all groups.
- b. **Grief support group**
A new program will be offered at the Center beginning Jan 7th and running through February 11th. Reverend Rose McCurdy is the facilitator.
- c. **Caregiver support for Dementia/Alzheimer's**
Bell Tower is opening their doors to the public for this support group which meets the second Tuesday of each month from 6-7 pm. The Center will refer people here and also open our doors for those wanting a meeting place.
- d. **Creative Writing Club**
New club with a new volunteer will begin in January and hopefully continue throughout the year.
- e. **Memorials and Donations**
Director asked the Committee advice on announcing how the money coming into the center will be used. All agreed to not designate to anything unknown but rather to the Center in general.

5. New Center

No discussion specifically. Will revisit when appropriate.

6. AARP Foundation Tax Volunteers

Director reached out to the Rotary. To date, we did not get any volunteers. The positive news is that the AARP will conduct tax assistance on Feb. 26th and March 19th from 9 am – 2 pm at the Center.

7. ADRC Representative Update

Erin shared the need for drivers for the record number of meals-on-wheels recipients. To date the ADRC delivers 80 meals a day to homes. Tammie will reach out to our Holiday meal drivers.

8. Correspondence

Art Lersch mentioned getting started on the Strategic Plan in January. Malm and Lersch both stressed the need for alignment to the City's Strategic Plan.

9. Public Comment

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Lersch, second by Malm. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Tammie Mrachek, MACEC Director