

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Merrill Enrichment Center Committee

Meeting was held on Wednesday November 30th, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

Lower level of Merrill City Hall & New Site

Present: Art Lersch, Rev. Kyle Carnes (Chair), Mary Ball (Aldersperson), Gene Bebel, Rose Akey, Erin Wells (ADRC Representative)

Absent: S. Peggy Jackelen, Diane Goetsch

Agenda

1. **Opening** (8:00)
 - a. Carnes called the meeting to order
2. **Consent Items**
 - a. Motion made by Bebel, second by Lersch to approve October minutes. Motion carried.
 - b. Motion made by Lersch, second by Ball to approve October minutes. Motion carried.
3. **Public Comment** – no public present
4. **Budget meeting results** (8:10)
 - a. Director informed committee that the new hire request was approved. The position will be posted in January '17. Bebel asked if this position will be different than the custodial position needed for the new expo/enrichment building. His concern is having to share custodian hours with the library. Dave Johnson, who attended the meeting, stated it is a different position and will be defined as we move forward.
 - b. The PT position likely needed for Expo Building was discussed with the above topic.
5. **ADRC Representative update** (8:15)
 - a. Erin informed the committee of the caregiver support service offered through the ADRC. Suggestion was made to include this service as a component of the Mind & Body Wellness program that will be starting when the new facility opens. Bebel inquired into finding ways to reach these caregivers in our community who will not or have difficulty asking for help.
6. **New Center Update** (8:20)
 - a. Committee viewed the new signs at site
 - b. Marketing – Foto News plan – Mary met with Colin Lueck to ensure printing of our article as well as monthly future article updates on the new Center.
 - c. Festival Grounds Committee (*Item was not discussed. Will carry to next meeting*)
 - i. working on rental agreements
 - ii. website for rental on city website
 - d. Flooring choices were shown to the Committee
 - e. Rod Akey conducted the site visit and answered questions from the Committee.
7. **Discussion**
 - a. Discussion from committee included Ball bringing an article related to dementia to our attention. This led into Erin's discussion above.
 - b. Director provided a recap of the Thanksgiving Meal. Our volunteer drivers delivered 145 meals (up 40 meals from 2015), pick-ups were 45, and sit-down meals at St. Stephens were roughly 75. Thank you to St. Stephens United Church of Christ for hosting this year's meal.
8. **Adjournment** – unofficial at the site.

Next meeting will be held on December 21st at 8am.

Vouchers will be available for review 15 minutes prior to meeting time.

Respectfully submitted,

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MACEC Director

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