

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Merrill Enrichment Center Committee

Meeting was held on Wednesday Nov. 29th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Merrill Enrichment Center – 303 N. Sales Street

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

1. Opening

- a. Carnes called the meeting to order

2. Consent Items

- a. Motion made by Ball, second by Jackelen to approve Sept. minutes. Motion carried.
- b. Motion made by Ball, second by Jackelen to approve monthly vouchers. Motion carried.
 - i. Ball inquired about the cost of printer toner. Director suggested we may want to charge the public 10 cents per copy. Committee agreed.

3. Public Comment

- a. Diane Goetsch, former committee member, expressed being caught off guard when notified that she would not be able to continue as a committee member because she resides outside the city limits. She also mentioned that Art Lersch may not be able to serve as he is also not a city resident. Dave Johnson was present at the meeting and did confirm that Art would no longer be able to serve. This is a huge loss for our committee.

4. Updates

- a. Director shared the success of our first annual craft show in the new building/expo. We profited \$1500 from the event. Feedback form was given to crafters/vendors that same day. Response was very positive and they asked for more than one show a year. We will have a spring, fall and possibly Christmas show.
- b. Thanksgiving meal delivery numbers were up this year. We delivered 121 meals, had 32 take outs, and fed 89 at St. Johns church. This program will continue for years to come.
- c. Director shared budget meeting results which for the MEC included approval of more hours for the Assistant to the Director. This will help in both running the Center efficiently as well as covering Lorri's vacation time of almost 4 months in 2018.
- d. Upcoming program is our sharing Christmas Spirit. Carnes asked if there is any confusion with the other programs in the City with the same name. Director confirmed some confusion and suggested a name change for 2018. This will be an item on the next agenda.

5. Discussion

- a. Lengthy discussion took place regarding Ordinance Sec. 2-152, in both re-wording of section b1 to eliminate the focus on seniors, as well as our Committee membership. Bebel expressed the need to ensure wording included those of retirement age. A motion was made by Bebel, second by Jackelen, to rewrite the ordinance that Committee membership includes a majority of city residents and a minority of members outside of the city. Motion approved. 5 yes and 1 no – Mary Ball.
- b. Discussion took place on the role of Committee members. Dave Johnson attended the meeting and informed the group that the MEC Committee is advisory in nature. However, the committee helps the Director set policies, fees, etc. Director has the right to make the final decisions or changes as she sees fit.
- c. Item for next month's agenda will include rewriting the ordinance.

6. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Bebel second by Jackelen.

Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 20th at 8am.**

Vouchers will be available for review 10 minutes prior to meeting time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tammie Mrachek
MEC Director

Enrichment Center Mission Statement: Dedicated to Enhancing Lives and Bringing Generations Together