

JULY '18 MEETING MINUTES

**Merrill Enrichment Center Committee**

Meeting was held on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00am

Merrill Enrichment Center Conference Room – 303 N. Sales Street

*Present:* Paul Russell (Alderperson), Gene Bebel, Rose Akey, Sharon Harvey, Mollie Stencil

*Absent:* Rev. Kyle Carnes (Chair), Emily Weix, Erin Wells (ADRC Representative)

**1. Opening**

- a. Russell called the meeting to order.

**2. Consent Items**

- a. Motion made by Bebel, second by Russell to approve June '18 meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- b. Motion made by Bebel, second by Harvey to approve monthly vouchers. Motion carried.

**3. Public Comment**

- a. None

**4. Budget**

- a. Director shared current budget for MEC (#10 general fund and #26 reserved and designated funds) with committee and discussed the differences. Bebel brought up the \$10,000 obligation on the MEC. Committee agreed that we need to have a discussion with administration on what those funds will be used for when that money leaves our budget and goes to the general fund. We will set up a meeting with Kathy Unertl.
- b. Director informed committee that our 2019 Staffing requests will be on the P&F agenda in August.

**5. Discussion**

- a. Committee and Director brainstormed collaboration opportunities. Bebel raised the concern of people who are 'home bound' not out of necessity but out of choice. We would like to get those people active at the MEC. The following list is the result of our discussion; fire departments community paramedic program, ADRC meals on wheels, Housing Authority, Lincoln County health department - Shelly Hersil, City transit, church pastors/priests. Continue collaboration with Bell Tower, Pine Crest and Housing authority. We will reach out to each to get started.
- b. *Starting in September*, Committee meetings will be *third* Thursday of each month at 3:15pm.
- c. The main topic for our next meeting will be to review the Goal Report conducted in October of 2017 by Art Lersch of the UW Extension. This is primarily for new members and will be a refresher for all.

**6. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Akey second by Harvey.

Next meeting date is August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:15pm **in the MEC Conference room.**

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*TMrachek*

Tammie Mrachek  
MEC Director

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