

MAY '19 MEETING MINUTES

Merrill Enrichment Center Committee

Meeting was held on May 16th, 2019 at 3:15pm

Merrill Enrichment Center Conference Room – 303 N. Sales Street

Present: Rose Akey, Sharon Harvey, Jennifer Clark (ADRC Representatives) Tom Hayden (City Attorney)

Absent: Paul Russell (Aldersperson), Rev. Kyle Carnes (Chair), Gene Bebel, Mollie Stencil, Emily Weix

1. Opening

- a. Mrachek called the meeting to order.

2. Consent Items

- a. Motion made by Harvey, second by Akey to approve April '19 meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- b. Motion made by Harvey, second by Akey to approve monthly vouchers. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment

- a. Mrachek introduced Rev. Lucas Williams from St. Stephens Church. He was sitting in on the meeting to observe and decide if he would like to take Rev. Kyle Carnes position on the committee. He has since informed us that he will be a member of our committee.

4. ADRC

- a. Jennifer Clark shared information on the Madison Aging Conference that a number of ADRC representatives attended. Members met with state legislators to share the challenges affecting older adults and caregivers, especially in rural areas.

5. Upcoming Events

- a. Mrachek shared *new* events happening in June.
 - i. The MEC will host a Free Shred Day June 26th from 11am-2pm, offered by Crime Stoppers, with support from Merrill Optimist Club. MEC will be offering a free ice cream social during the event as well.
 - ii. On June 13th from 10:30am – Noon, the MEC presents Bonnie Angster, a national storyteller from Arizona.

6. Discussion

- a. Discussion took place on expected conduct at the MEC. We have very few situations to deal with, but the few we had, reminded us that we should have a 'code of conduct.' The MEC staff will work on a document to add to our policy manual for reference if needed. We will however take a more visual approach and make our space reflect the positivity of the Center.
- b. Stephanie Zoellner is our new assistant and has done very well in her first two weeks.
- c. Tom Hayden discussed the MEC's possible revision of Ordinance 2-155. After a fair amount of discussion, we decided it would *not* be in the best interest of the MEC to have any requirements, besides residency, for committee members. In the April committee meeting, Russell had proposed that the MEC Committee should include a member of the MHA along with other desired organizations. Hayden warned how restrictive this may become if we are not able to fill those specific seats, as most committees/commissions, etc. have enough trouble finding members to begin with.
- d. Mrachek thanked Committee members Carnes and Weix for their valuable service to the Enrichment Center. We will welcome new members next month.
- e. Mayor Woellner requested that we ask 3 of our members to serve 2 year terms per our Ordinance. New members Laura Bertagnoli and Pastor Lucas Williams (who will be appointed during the June Common Council meeting) agreed to two year terms as did Sharon Harvey.

7. Adjournment

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

Next meeting date is **June 20th at 3:15pm in the MEC Conference room.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

TMrachek

Tammie Mrachek
MEC Director

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