

JULY '19 MEETING MINUTES

Merrill Enrichment Center Committee

Meeting was held on July 18th, 2019 at 3:15pm

Merrill Enrichment Center Conference Room – 303 N. Sales Street

Present: Paul Russell (Alderson), Gene Bebel, Rose Akey, Sharon Harvey, Laura Bertagnoli, Chad Suwyn (ADRC Representatives). *Absent:* Mollie Stencil, Rev. Lucas Williams

1. Opening

- a. Russell called the meeting to order.

2. Consent Items

- a. Motion made by Bebel, second by Harvey to approve May '19 meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- b. Harvey inquired into the deficit in our craft shop this year. Director explained the *annual* Shopkeep fee in addition to the issue of charges that are currently being addressed with Shopkeep, regarding *monthly* fees. Motion made by Bebel, second by Akey to approve monthly vouchers. Motion carried.
- c. Laura Bertagnoli offered to take the role of Chair for the MEC meetings. Motion made by Bebel second by Akey to approve Laura as the Chair. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment

- a. Laura Bertagnoli spoke as public to share ideas for the MEC received from a few people. First was to consider a Quilt Expo and another to continue Scam presentations. We will start on these ideas soon.
- b. Paul Russell also spoke as public complimenting the MEC Guest Cook offerings. His group came from Jenny Tower and had a few extra people that hadn't signed up. Our cook, Rich Grenfell, made sure to accommodate. We will keep this program running as we continue to receive excellent reviews. Paul also mentioned the HSA tenant picnic on the 31st from 10am-3pm on the River Bend Trail.

4. ADRC

- a. Chad promoted the ADRC's open house taking place on July 29th from 3:30-5:30. He also mentioned there are still farms market vouchers available at the ADRC/Social Services bldg.; they are finance based and people will need to fill out a brief application that only takes a few minutes. Chad also promoted 2 upcoming programs; Stepping-On and Living with Chronic Pain.

5. Discussion

- a. Director discussed possible day of the week change for committee meeting with new members just coming on board. We will keep the date the same and revisit when all members are present.
- b. Director provided an overview of the MEC budget and the possibility of revisiting our activity fees before the New Year with the vision of making our activities affordable to more people. Chad (ADRC rep) informed us of a program offered that helps fund activities for people who may need assistance. Bebel added that a few local groups and individuals also offer assistance. The MEC will reach out to a number of these organizations and individuals with the goal of getting more people, especially those underserved, to participate in community activities.
- c. Director promoted the many new activities and programs coming beginning in August.
- d. Shred event/Ice Cream Social was successful and may be offered again in September. Studio 808 provided the ice cream.
- e. Upcoming events include the MASH Blood drive on August 1st, All of Us research program presentation on August 21st, new class offerings including a new fitness class, and Sip & Swipe Café coming in September.
- f. Next month's agenda will include further brainstorming on the fees, the day of the monthly meetings, along with new topic items.

6. Adjournment

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

Next meeting date is **August 22nd at 3:15pm in the MEC Conference room. (Date change is due to the Fair).**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Tammie Mrachek
MEC Director

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