

AUGUST '19 MEETING MINUTES

Merrill Enrichment Center Committee

Meeting was held on Aug. 22nd, 2019 at 3:15pm

Merrill Enrichment Center Conference Room – 303 N. Sales Street

Present: Laura Bertagnoli (Chair), Gene Bebel, Rose Akey, Sharon Harvey, Mollie Stencil, Rev. Lucas Williams
Mary Rheinschmidt (ADRC Representatives). Absent: Paul Russell (Alderperson),

1. Opening

- a. Bertagnoli called the meeting to order.

2. Consent Items

- a. Motion made by Bebel, second by Akey to approve July '19 meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- b. Motion made by Akey second by Stencil to approve monthly vouchers. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment

- a. None

4. ADRC

- a. Rheinschmidt, ADRC benefit specialist, shared two upcoming programs the ADRC is offering; Healthy Living with Chronic Pain and Healthy Living with Diabetes. As a result of further discussion, the MEC will be holding an information session regarding changes to Medicare Part D with Rheinschmidt. In addition, there are still farmer's 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.

5. Discussion

- a. Committee meeting will remain the third Thursday of each month at 3:15pm unless otherwise noted.
- b. Director provided an overview of the MEC DRAFT budget. Discussion centered on the suggested \$12000 fee revenue. Bebel asked Mrachek if she was comfortable with the Draft numbers. Director expressed concern given the fact that it is a \$4500 increase over last year's number. Director did inform committee that it is just a draft and that she would be getting into more detailed discussions as our city budget meetings begin.
 - i. Director clarified craft shop numbers. Annual fees were inadvertently taken out of a budget 26 instead of 10. Finance Director corrected the error. Other fee charges are still being examined.
- c. Committee continued conversation regarding activity fees. With budget time upon us we decided to wait until the budgets are complete to continue this discussion.
- d. Director discussed upcoming Sip & Swipe Café. This is a free offering through Generations on Line, a national non-profit. The café will be at the MEC and offer self-paced lessons on how to use a tablet. Coaches will be available for questions and support. The first Café begins September 12th.
- e. Next month's agenda will include further brainstorming on the fees, and a fair recap.

6. Adjournment

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

Next meeting date is **September 19th 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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