

OCTOBER '19 MEETING MINUTES

Merrill Enrichment Center Committee

Meeting was held on Oct. 17th, 2019 at 3:15pm

Merrill Enrichment Center Conference Room – 303 N. Sales Street

Present: Laura Bertagnoli (Chair), Paul Russell (Aldersperson), Gene Bebel, Rose Akey, Sharon Harvey, Jennifer Clark (ADRC Representatives). *Absent:* Mollie Stencil, Rev. Lucas Williams

1. Opening

- a. Bertagnoli called the meeting to order.

2. Consent Items

- a. Motion made by Bebel, second by Akey to approve August '19 meeting minutes (Sept meeting was cancelled). Motion carried.
- b. Motion made by Akey second by Harvey to approve Aug-Sept '19 monthly vouchers. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment

- a. None

4. ADRC

- a. Clark, ADRC Community Health Educator, informed the committee that Medicare Part D appointments are still available with Mary Rheinschmidt going into November for those who are eligible now or next year. Bertagnoli asked if there are still farmer's market vouchers available. Clark informed us that they are probably gone and expire at the end of the month but she would check on it and get back to us.

5. Discussion

- a. Budget for MEC was discussed at length, specifically regarding the requested \$11,766 contribution back to the general fund. Bebel asked for specific revenue numbers that the Expo brought in so far in 2019. He reminded the Committee that the last request of \$10000 (which the MEC ended up contributing \$7500) was mainly because of the uncertainty of what type of revenue we could expect out to the Expo. Bebel made the statement that the MEC, at some point, should not have to fund operating expenses, agreed upon by Russell. Director and Russell will have the exact rental numbers available for discussion at our next meeting which is November 21st at 3:15pm.
- b. Director discussed upcoming events including our craft show and two major outreach programs – Thanksgiving and Christmas Joy. Detailed information is in our newsletters and on our Facebook page.
- c. Fair Recap was given. Director received an email from Brad Becker sharing the success of the fair along with suggestions for improvement. The first situation was with a wedding party not getting out as scheduled on Sunday. We may want to consider not scheduling a wedding during fair time to avoid issues. The second situation involved the MEC activities. We will move all activities up into our area to alleviate space wars. Finally, Paul Russell mentioned that many people ask about the MEC during the fair. He suggested we remain open to promote all of our programs/activities as well as the craft shop. Director agreed and will have the Center open on Wednesday and Thursday but without activities, as parking would be a barrier.
- d. Next month's agenda will include the final budget decisions along with expo rental numbers.

6. Adjournment

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

Next meeting date is **November 21st at 3:15pm in the MEC Conference room.**

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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