

NOVEMBER '19 MEETING MINUTES

**Merrill Enrichment Center Committee**

Meeting was held on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 3:15pm

Merrill Enrichment Center Conference Room – 303 N. Sales Street

*Present:* Laura Bertagnoli (Chair), Gene Bebel, Rose Akey, Sharon Harvey.

*Absent:* Paul Russell (Alderpersion), Mollie Stencil, Rev. Lucas Williams, Jennifer Clark (ADRC Representative).

**1. Opening**

- a. Bertagnoli called the meeting to order.

**2. Consent Items**

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

**3. Public Comment**

- a. Theresa Baker attended the meeting. She is a new participant at the Center and expressed interest in attending the committee meetings. She shared how great the classes are and how wonderful our stained glass instructor/MEC assistant Stephanie is. She was impressed with the price of the class versus more expensive offerings elsewhere.

**4. ADRC**

- a. No representative.

**5. Discussion**

- a. Director informed Committee that the Budget was approved. MEC had a zero percent increase for 2020. Director did inform the Council that if growth continues as it has we would be looking to add additional staff.
- b. We did not have exact numbers for how much revenue the Expo brought in for 2019. We will have this on our January agenda for discussion – relative to the fees MEC pays back to the city each year.
- c. Thanksgiving numbers at the time of this meeting were 140. Director will discuss final numbers in January meeting. Further discussion revolved around the fact that there are only four churches in our area hosting the Thanksgiving meal. **Director shared that many small churches in our area have expressed a willingness to help with will begin reaching out to small parishes in our community to see if together they can round up enough volunteers to help the MEC host next years meal.**
- d. Additional topics that came up during the meeting included our Christmas Joy outreach, the results of the Ministry Lock-Up, our new punch cards, starting a “Friends of the MEC” board, and future goals and objectives. All of these items will be discussed further in our January meeting.

**6. Adjournment**

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

Next meeting date is **January 16<sup>th</sup> 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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