

COMMITTEE ON AGING
Blended Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2021 at 9:30 AM

Minutes

Present: Debbie Bonk, Al Brixius (Chair), Curt Hall (Staff), Donna Kickland, June Kramer, Cathy Ley (ADRC), Ruth Malzahn, Ron Von Drachek

Absent: Mary Schultz, Lydia Groeschel

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairman Al Brixius
2. Discussion and approval of previous meeting minutes (November 2020) with two corrections- Motion to approve the minutes by J. Kramer, seconded by R. Malzahn. All in favor.
3. Aging and Disability Resource Center Report
 - a. There is still Heating Assistance going on (683-4300).
 - b. Working on a Flu Shot campaign.
 - c. Working a 3-year Aging Plan (2022-2024).
 - d. Loneliness and Isolation:
 - i. Concerned about individuals who are isolated.
 - ii. Been doing phone calls to individuals they know of and are concerned about.
 - iii. Trying to get the word out for people to check in on neighbors, schedule video chats, find things to do for them while staying safe.
 - e. No in person home visits or class through at least February.
4. Sr. Center COVID Operations Updates and Discussion
 - a. Safety Protocol and Procedures
 - i. No Changes
 - ii. Still being diligent about cleaning and sanitizing.
 - iii. Still Utilizing 25% capacity in rooms.
 - b. Current Programs and Schedule
 - i. Essential programming only, "at own risk".
 - ii. Trying to prevent isolation and loneliness of members while staying safe.
 - iii. Nothing will be added until further notice.
 - iv. Added a Pickleball and Ping Pong times after Walking
 - c. Questions, Comments and Concerns
 - i. Since last meeting we had a week-long shutdown due to an exposed member and did contact tracing.
 1. This is how we will handle any exposure at the center.
 - ii. Trying to communicate information via press releases and signage on site.
 - iii. Loneliness and Isolation:
 1. Other Senior Center facilities have been experiencing much more of that.

- 2. Centers that are closed have had a lot more issues with loneliness and isolation compared to Centers that are open.
 - iv. Senior Walking numbers are down, but it is still a strong program. A lot of newer faces in attendance.
 - v. Exercise Room: Could we open up the availability more?
 - 1. Yes, there is a demand for it.
 - vi. Turn out for movies:
 - 1. Attendance has been low: 1 – 2 people
 - 2. Recommendation for a “Movie of the Week”
 - a. Maybe not worth it for the attendance.
- 5. Discussion of Programs, Special Events and Trips
 - a. Raffle Basket Final Report
 - i. We have pulled winners and contacted them.
 - ii. All baskets have been picked up.
 - b. Time Capsule Update
 - i. No one has participated in this yet.
 - c. Valentine’s Day “event”
 - i. Valentine’s Day- Date to go
 - d. St. Patrick’s Day (week) “event”
 - i. Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt
 - e. Questions:
 - i. Do we have something planned for Volunteer Appreciation
 - 1. Not at this time.
 - 2. ADRC is also struggling on what to do as well.
 - ii. Have we heard anything about Seniors getting the COVID Shot?
 - 1. There was an article in the HTR: County HD is working on 1A (Medical Professionals), then they will move on to Healthcare Facilities. Seniors will be next after that. If you have questions you can contact the Manitowoc County Health Department
 - iii. Newsletter Feedback:
 - 1. The readability needs to be adjusted.
 - 2. Black and white is the best for readability- ADA had a list.
 - iv. Thank you to Ron for setting up the zoom and all that you do for the Senior Center!
 - v. Homestead Taxes: Staff spoke with our volunteer and she is not comfortable returning at this point, there will be a re-evaluation in March. Homestead can be filed at any time of the year. The ADRC is not going to be doing Homestead taxes either- this may end up being permanent.
- 6. Financial Report
 - a. New Format
 - b. Vendors: Those are the Gift Shoppe program.
 - i. Brief over view of Gift Shoppe member requirements.

- c. Question on expense
 - i. Dish wand Sponge for \$11.99
 - ii. Glue Sticks for \$17.88
 - iii. A lot of the supplies are for craft groups
- 7. Adjourn- Next meeting March 8, 2021
 - a. Motion by D. Kickland, seconded by D. Bonk. All in Favor.