

## **Commission on Aging**

**October 20, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

**PEAK 155 W. Lewis St, Platteville**

Present: Ray Banfi, Joyce Bos, Bill Cramer, Debara Browning, Jill Goffinet, Josephine Kischer, Kathy Kopp, Larry McReynolds, Ally Shanahan

Absent: Jon Meidinger

- I. Meeting is called to order by Debara Browning at 9:30 a.m.
- II. Motion to approve Minutes of Sept.14<sup>th</sup> by Bill, second Ray, all in favor with the correction of the spelling of “Lora’s” College, Minutes approved.
- III. Business:
  - a. Clarification on name and bylaw changes: Question is do we want to serve only senior disabled or all with disabilities? Kathy suggests we compile a list of resources for all disabled and that we need to reflect this in our mission statement to explain to the council what the word “disabilities” means. After some discussion, Joyce moves to present to the Council “Commission on Aging and Disabilities” and provide a Mission statement to reflect this, second Bill, all in favor. Plan is to present this at the December meeting, as November’s meeting will be taken up with Budget considerations.
  - b. Representation on Public Transportation Committee: We discussed what took place at the committee meeting, which some of us attended. Kathy says if there are any issues with transportation and the hospital, Steve McCarthy is the person to contact. Josephine nominates Debara to be the representative from the CoA with voting rights, Debara accepts the nomination and Joyce seconds, all in favor. Kathy says to make sure that we dedicate that member as part of the Commission on Aging, so we can be sure to be represented on the Transportation Committee in the future. This should also be brought to the Council at the December meeting. Kathy says that the Council should be made aware of any issues with the buses, as they carry a lot of weight.

IV. Reports:

PEAK: Jill

The trip to Wisconsin Dells for the Red Skelton show had 40 people participating. The Bread Company from the Dells will come to Platteville to deliver on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Blood pressure and sugar level checks will be done monthly by "The Villa" at Noon on Wednesday when we have free Bingo (usual attendance is 40 people). There will be a Volunteer thank you party next Tuesday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. There will be a soup and sandwich and Euchre party on Saturday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, charge is \$12, there will also be a 50/50 raffle.

The UW student cross country team will be raking leaves again this year, on November 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>. Craft Fair at Park Place and the High School Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be selling Meat, Mittens, and microwave cozies; meat will be \$10 and \$20. Ladies Night Out netted \$2,000 for the Center and check will be presented on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Next trip is scheduled for Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> to Mt Morris, IL for "Scrooge, the Comedy", cost is \$85.

PASS: Bill Cramer

We will have another Brat Sale on October 23<sup>rd</sup> on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at Midnight.

Council: Kathy Kopp

Our meeting notices need to be posted on the City's website. The second budget meeting was last night. She has some questions regarding the Center's budget and Jill asked her to communicate with Jon on this as she is not involved at all. Kathy said she could not find the "rent" for the Sr. Center; we told her it's now called "Utilities" and Debara questioned the high amount of \$15,000.

- V. Debara explains to Kathy that some of us attended a meeting with Luke Peters and the City Manager Adam Ruechel and that we requested an estimate to take out the wall between the meal site room and the classroom next to it, as there is a bathroom attached and the expansion would be of great help. We also asked for some gravel to temporarily extend the parking area. Adam said the City would get the proposals. Kathy suggests that we submit a request to the Thrift Shop committee, to be designated as one of their monthly projects.

Josephine Kischer, Secretary