

Commission on Aging

March 16, 2022

155 E. Lewis St., Platteville

Present: Ray Banfi, Joyce Bos, Jill Goffinet, Josephine Kischer, Kathy Kopp, Larry McReynolds, Jon Meidinger, Ally Shanahan

Absent: Debara Browning

Our sincere condolences to the family of Bill Cramer. Bill was a steady presence at the Senior Center and he will be missed.

- I. Meeting is called to order at 9:38 a.m. by Ray Banfi.
- II. Motion to approve Minutes of February 16th by Ally with the correction of “Loras” College, second Joyce, all in favor, Minutes are approved.
- III. Reports: PASS – Ray
We expect delivery of the Van in August. We will have a Brat sale on 2nd Street on May 14th and October 15th; other dates are May 7th, June 18th, and August 27th. We may consider one more on move-in day. We will be applying for a Grant of \$6,000 from United Way again this year. We will be checking into having Steve’s Pizza designating one day’s proceeds for the Senior Center.

Jon:

The United Methodist Church needs volunteers from us on April 13th for their community meal. Loras College students came to spend some time with some of our Seniors and we hope that they’ll be presenting some of their ideas for a marketing plan soon. One of the students will be in charge of our Social Media presence.

Jill:

Today is free Bingo. Next week, March 24th, Jim Winter, will be giving his presentation at 10:45 a.m. Hep Daus from the “Sleep In Heavenly Peace” program will be coming. There are still tickets available for the bus trip to “Just Desserts”. Attendance at card games has been strong.

Kathy Kopp – Council:

She brought an article that appeared in “Municipality” about Senior Centers and their importance. To the question we asked at our last meeting, why we are part of the Park and Rec Department, she says that they do a lot of planning programs for families. There is not a lot of discussion about the Senior Center. Kathy says she was a “No” vote on the purchase of the Van from a Michigan vendor, not on the purchase of the Van. She suggests that we get a list of all our fundraisers and a list of all our activities, and the number of people who take advantage of them, to her so she can present them to the Council. We will invite Council members and the City Manager to the presentation by the Loras students. This will probably be towards the end of the semester.

The City did receive the \$7 Mil. Grant for the Fire Station. The RFP is out for the company to do the planning. Kathy would like to get a written History of the Senior Center from its beginning, how it was funded and when and how did it become part of the city. Jon says he can put that together for her. It would be good to have this ready for presentation to the Council on the second Tuesday in May, and it would be good to have our people present at that meeting. Since many people are hesitant to speak at public meetings, we should make a video of their testimonials.

IV. Business: Jon

We need to think about the wording of our Mission Statement. He will ask Adam if a change of By-Laws has to be approved by the Council.

Kathy suggests that all the proposed changes be effective when we have our future location determined. We need to make sure that we will get a permanent home for the Senior Center. Kathy suggests we make a "Wish list" as to the space we need in a new facility. She asks if we have anything planned for the July 4th celebration at Legion Park. If not, we should consider participating in some way.

V. Next meeting will be on April 20th at 9:30 a.m.

VI. Motion to adjourn Ray, second Josephine, all in favor, meeting adjourns at 10:50 a.m.

Josephine Kischer
Secretary