

MINUTES

COMMISSION ON AGING

4:00 PM, OCTOBER 20, 2022

PEAK 155, W Lewis Street

Platteville, Wisconsin

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Joyce Bos**
- b. Present: Allyssa Shanahan, Jill Goffinet, Kathy Kopp, Ray Banfi, Joyce Bos, Ela Kakde, Joie Schoonover, and Fallon Zimmerman**
- c. Absent: Ellen Stelpflug**
- d. Guests: Lori Reid, Mary Larson, Leona Huggins, Marline Bloom, Bernita Jenkins, Joanne Kirschbaum, Karen Lange, Karen Bellmeyer, Ann Schwingle, Mary Schroeder, Judy Pearce, Marv Packer, Eileen McCartney, Verla Engelke, Rose Adams, Jerome Adams, Larry McReynolds, Kent Cullen**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Motion by Joie to accept Minutes from September 26 meeting, second by Ray, all in favor, minutes are approved**

III. WELCOME

- a. Lori Reid, Department Head of Grant Co. ADRC**
 - i. Lori has been with the county since 2013. Stated Platteville and Boscobel are the largest meal sites in the county. Home deliveries has increased in the past years and 65,000 meals were delivered last year. Stated seniors have to meet set of guideline, although they have recently been more lenient. We will see a drop in numbers for home deliveries and increase in congregate meals, but not a tremendous amount. Stated they would like to continue with the Senior Center, although it was pointed**

out they pay no rent or gas/insurance for the van. Lori then explained where they get their funding from and let us know the average cost per meal is approx. \$13, although they only ask for a suggested donation of 4. People pay what they can afford. Looking toward the future, Lori hopes costs will go down for meals when households are reassessed and there won't be as many home deliveries, also meaning their paper product cost will go down. Lori stressed the importance of Platteville having a senior center, and mentioned the county could be looking at a waitlist, which they do not want.

b. Community Members

i. Kathy introduced herself, expressed her passion for Commission on Aging, expressed Council is listening and our seniors and their efforts are being heard loud and clear. She stated she understands that we do not want the senior center to go to the Amory and assured everyone that is no longer a consideration to go there. Informed us the possibility of relocating to city hall in area of old police department, will be confirmed at 11/8 Common Council meeting. Stated it will need renovations and there is not very much natural light. The advantage, she says city hall will always be there, looking toward growth and reorganization. Renovations could start as soon as approved by Common Council. There will be restrictive parking for our seniors. Renovations may be opened to community members for assistance. If the fire station was to go in the armory's place, it would need be 3 stories high. Platteville is only able to have a volunteer department until we hit x number in our population, that number was unknown. She encourages to voice concerns early but recognize there is only so much the Council can do. Joyce mentioned she appreciates Kathy's support and asked where the rest of the council feel about the armory. Kathy responded by saying she does not think they would force us to go there if it wouldn't work.

ii. Thank you, seniors, for joining us.

IV. REPORTS

a. Senior Center

- i. Looking forward to lots of intergenerational Halloween activities, introduction of chair exercise and book club**

b. PASS

- i. Homecoming brat sale made \$851, took more time than previous night sales because there was competition**

c. Council

- i. Possibility of New Location for Senior Center**

- 1. Previously introduced by Kathy**

V. BUSINESS

VI. COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to adjourn by Joie, second by Ray, all in favor, meeting adjourns at 5:55PM**

- b. Next Meeting: November 17, 2022 @ 4:00 PM**

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