

Commission on Aging

A meeting of the Commission on Aging was held on May 15th, 2008 at the De Pere Community Center. Members attending were Al De Cleene, Jim De France, Carol Peters, Millie Bain and Rachel Dickhut. Also present: Lori Pazdera, Senior Program Coordinator.

1. Approval of minutes of the March 20, 2008 meeting. Attachment.
Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim De France. Carol Peters seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Welcome to new Commission Member, Rachel Dickhut. All members welcomed Rachel.
3. Discussion on St. Mark visit and pursuit of café located on lower level of Community Center.
Lori, Paula, Carol Peters and volunteer Kathy Kane met with staff from the church to discuss prices, how it is run/staffed, and suppliers. We found that the church has purchased their own equipment since first beginning with the café due to costs of supplies and their supplier changing ordering criteria. The café is run by volunteers and basically is open on the weekends. People pay on a donation basis, and the church finds they do well with that system. We received information on the vendor, K-way Systems as well as Uncle Mike's bakery for the baked goods. Staff will continue to investigate other café type set-ups (Ice Center) as well as contact businesses that loan out equipment with supply purchases as part of the loan agreement.
4. Update on senior citizens survey and trips.
As some of the members expressed interest in re-visiting us looking at offering movies to seniors at last meeting, Lori completed a survey that is being distributed to senior citizens that participate in senior activities. Questions will pertain to involvement in programs offered, programs they'd like to see offered, as well as questions regarding a potential café and opinions on costs and when they'd use it, etc.

Lori met with the Village of Howard, Ashwaubenon, Bellevue and Suamico Parks and Recreation Departments and have set a date for a trip to be offered to all the municipalities in attempts to generate enough interest if we plan the trip together - November 25, 2008 to the "Fireside Christmas" matinee at the Fireside Dinner Theater.

5. Discussion on plans for Senior Picnic.
August 2nd is the Senior Citizen picnic. Rachel Dickhut will donate several knit prizes. The chicken will have to be ordered from the Swan Club by someone else this year as Rollie Cavil who has ordered it in previous years has passed away. Tickets will go on sale July 1st for \$2.00.
6. Public Comment period.
It was brought to our attention that the light on the outside flags was not pointed up to the flag but shines on the pole rather than the flag. Can the light be adjusted so the flag is being shined upon?
7. Future Agenda Items.
Updates on café findings; results of any surveys being returned; senior picnic set up.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17th at 2:00 p.m. at the De Pere Community Center. Millie Bain motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rachel Dickhut seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Lori Pazdera