

Commission on Aging

A meeting of the Commission on Aging was held on March 20, 2008 at the De Pere Community Center. Members attending were Al De Cleene, Jim De France, and Carol Peters. Excused absent: Millie Bain. Also present: Lori Pazdera, Senior Program Coordinator, and Paula Rahn, Community Center Manager.

1. Approval of the minutes of the November 15, 2007 meeting. Attachment.
Motion to approve the minutes was made by Carol Peters. Jim De France seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Discussion on café located on lower level of Community Center.
Lori Pazdera, Senior Program Coordinator, mentioned that she will develop an in-house survey to determine whether or not current participants of senior programs would utilize a café and what types of items they would like. Once we establish if there would be a need, staff will contact St. Mark Church to view their café and call all Commission members to see if they would like to come.
3. Discussion on new ideas for Senior Citizen Picnic, other special events, and senior programs.
Members felt the Senior Citizen Picnic is run well and would not recommend any changes.

Lori mentioned she may start coordinating bus trips with local municipalities and CareFree Travel. A meeting was held with local Park & Recreation Departments and the consensus was that they would work together to offer trips for senior citizens. Carefree Travel would be willing to pick up at each department site and they would take care of coordinating the trip, while each department would help advertise the trips.

Carol Peters and Jim De France would like us to look at re-visiting offering movies to seniors. Lori mentioned that the interest had dropped and instead of publicizing it anymore, she would announce that anyone is welcome to watch movies on Thursday afternoons. Staff will look into publicizing it again.

4. Public Comment Period.
No public comment.
5. Staff Update.
Lori mentioned the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the De Pere Optimists, De Pere Area Men's Club and the Community Center will be held this Saturday, March 22 at 11:00 a.m.
6. Future Agenda Items. Updates on café and senior trips; Senior Picnic; new appointment to Commission.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15 at 2:00 pm at the De Pere Community Center. Carol Peeters motioned to adjourn the meeting. Al DeCleene seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Lori Pazdera & Paula Rahn