

Senior Millage Allocation Committee
Friday July 11, 2014 8:00 a.m.
Marian E. Burch Adult Day Care Conference Room
1150 E. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49014

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call: Jill Booth at 8:07 a.m. and roll call

Roll Call Attending: Auton, Booth, Clutter, Chappell, Kalnins, Kale, Konkle, Tabb and Walker

Absent Excused: Dunn, Moore Haadsma, Powers

Staff: Brad Wilcox, Carl Gibson, Rodna Zuck

Visitors: Bev Bentley; Tom Hollowood and Micki Ogilbee, Co-Chairs for Forks Senior Center Board; Stacy Tucker, Mar Lee School

Agenda –Chappell and Konkle: Motion, Second and Approved – Motion Carried

Minutes for June, 2014 –Chappell and Auton: Motion, Second and Approved- Motion Carried

Report: Contract Spending

- **Discussion Clutter and Walker: Motion, Second and Approved- Motion Carried**

Old Business:

- Forks Senior Center (Micki Ogilbee and Tom Hollowood)
 - Ogilbee- Discussed the move to the County building in Albion, no contract signed yet. Current place is too small and parking is a big problem.
 - Internet service is not consistent.
 - Short Vision:

- Looking to increase the senior center services in Albion and make it a larger resource center for seniors.
- Planning to work with other agencies around Albion, Calhoun County and even Jackson County.
- Looking at an outreach program for seniors that can't get to the center.
- Work on increasing available health and wellness programs for seniors that could be made available at the new center.
- Hollowood – Presented a letter from the Battle Creek Community Foundation committing \$20,000 to support renovation of the County Building in Albion to ready the space for occupation of The Forks Senior Center. He also distributed a report from the Forks Senior Center outlining the next steps they will be taking to meet the needs of its' members.

Mini Grant Request:

- Stacy Tucker of Mar-Lee School Food Program in Conjunction with the Food Bank of South Central Michigan is requesting a Mini Grant of \$1,368 to assist with providing service Creek Mar-Lee School that benefits many older adults who receive fresh food and meat products each week during July, August and September.
 - Motion, **Kalnins and Walker**, Motion, Second and Approved- *Motion Carried*

Old Business:

- Extend 3rd and 4th quarter grants for total of \$12,625 for Hands On, Community Health Care Connections, Fountain Clinic.
 - Motion, **Clutter and Konkle**, Motion, Second and Approved -*Motion Carried*
- RFP Date confirmation for FY 2015 **Clutter and Walker**, Motion Second and Approved- *Motion Carried*

- Services to be bid on this RFP include: Community Care Options and PERS, by AAA; Prescription Drug Access Program, by Community HealthCare Connections; Senior Center Support, Forks Senior Center; Chore Services, by Senior Services Inc.; Benefits Counseling, by Area Agency on Aging.
- Sub Committee for RFP Konkle, Kalnins and Tabb volunteered to serve on RFP sub-committee.
- Report- Marshall Albion Transit Discussion meeting was held at the Marshall Community Building. Original plan was for Disabled people. There are still many issues to be worked out before this service can become a reality.

New Business:

- Open House- was a nice event with attendance of about 150
- Centenarian Luncheon will be July 22nd at Schulers Restaurant to honor Calhoun County Senior Citizens who are 99 years of age and older.
- Tekonsha Dunham Park Fair will be on July 26th Senior Services will be there with a display about our services.
- Oaklawn Hospital will host Healthy You Event on August 23rd at the Fair Grounds
- August 13 is Senior Citizens Day at the Calhoun County Fair.
- August meeting of the SMAC is scheduled for August 8 or it could be changed to August 1 . Members agreed to leave it on August 8th.

Directors Report

- Gibson discussed Proposal 1- he would like to work with Lindsey to write an educational piece in the paper to help senior citizens understand how that would affect Senior Millage. Members agreed that it would be a good idea to educate the public.
- Gibson reported that 53 residents lost residency at Lakeview Meadows due to the fire. AAA Region 3B took the lead on helping them, along with Senior Health Partners and the Red Cross. The Battle Creek Community has been very responsive in helping to provide for residents. Senior Health Partners held a

meeting where they served lunch and provided information and services to assist those residents who had lost their homes. It provided an opportunity for them to contact their friends and see who was where. They are currently planning to have two more similar meetings.

9:38 am Adjournment

**Next Meeting – August 8, 2014, 8:00 am – Senior Service – Garden Level
Conference Room**



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the minutes may be answered
prior to the next
Meeting by contacting the Office of Senior Services
at 269-781-0846