

CITY OF MENASHA  
COMMITTEE ON AGING  
MINUTES  
August 13, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Pat Irwin at 1:04 PM

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

Present: Pat Irwin, Bea Kohanski, Kristine Hutter

Absent: Tom Stoffel

Staff Present: Chloe Hansen-Dunn, Meghan Pauly, Larissa Keller

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Committee on Aging Meeting Minutes April 9, 2021

Bea Kohanski motioned to approve the April 9, 2021 minutes with the following changes:

- April 9, 2021 meeting was conducted in a virtual format

The motion was seconded by Kristine Hutter. The motion passed.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

Kristine Hutter reported receiving a letter of resignation from committee member Brenda Marks.

E. REPORT OF DEPT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS

1. Public Health

**a.** COVID-19 Update: Kristine Hutter detailed the most current reports out on the Menasha Health Department website. There has been a recent increase in the number of cases in the City and Menasha is currently in the high burden category per the WI Department of Health Services Metrics. The Health Department has two disease investigators who are following up on all cases and continues to offer weekly vaccination clinics.

**b.** Sixty Plus Grant – Programs Update: Meghan Pauly reported that she is currently conducting blood pressure readings in the wellness room twice a month. Walking Club is taking place on Tuesdays at 10 AM and will be moving to Fridays at 9:30 AM in September. The Tai Chi class has 16 participants. There will be a Lunch and Learn on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 with Valley Transit. The October 1<sup>st</sup> Lunch and Learn will preview the Healthy Living with Diabetes workshop that is set to begin on October 13<sup>th</sup> and run for six weeks. Meghan provided 47 services to 22 people.

2. Senior Center

**a.** Senior Center Operations/Programming Update: Chloe Hansen-Dunn reported that the Menasha Senior Center is in week two of Phase 2 of the reopening plan and is now open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 1 PM. The decision to move to Phase 2 was made after a review of COVID metrics in the community, and falls in line with the other regional senior centers. Some of the additional programs being offered in Phase 2 include cards, crafting, and dominoes. For the month of July, the Senior Center saw 117 visitors in 130 visits and provided 375 services. September is National Senior Center month and the staff will be looking into some special programming.

3. Announcements: Day in the Park is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> at Pierce Park in Appleton. Chloe will be meeting with Advocap on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### F. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

Pat Irwin shared that she is going to chair yoga and the participants seem to be loving the program. Bea Kohanski shared a concern about Senior Center hours as many of the card players and knitters are unable to make it to the Center before noon.

#### G. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. COA Vacancies

**a.** Process for Filling Vacancies: There are currently 3 vacancies for the Committee on Aging that are to be filled by citizens. Vacancies are to be filled by City of Menasha residents. Potential committee members need to be aware that they are required to take an oath, will be appointed to a three year term, and are expected to attend monthly meetings.

**b.** Discussion regarding recruitment efforts of committee members took place. Kristine Hutter will draft a survey of interest to be included in upcoming issue(s) of The Chatter.

2. Bea Kohanski expressed concern regarding the location of the Menasha Farmer's Market now that it has been moved from the Main Street sidewalk to Curtis Reed Square. Pat Irwin will send an email to the contact at 140 Main on behalf of the Committee on Aging.

#### H. HELD OVER BUSINESS

1. Senior Center Sign Update: Chloe Hansen-Dunn reported that repairs to the Senior Center sign have been completed and uplighting has been installed.

#### I. ADJOURNMENT

Bea Kohanski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 PM. The motion was seconded by Pat Irwin. The motion passed.

Next meeting: September 10, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Menasha City Hall

100 Main Street, Room 132

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