

CITY OF MENASHA
COMMITTEE ON AGING
MINUTES
January 14, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Pat Irwin at 1:03 PM

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

Present: Pat Irwin, Bea Kohanski, Tom Stoffel, Kristine Hutter

Staff Present: Chloe Hansen-Dunn, Leah McCormick, Larissa Keller

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Committee on Aging Meeting Minutes December 10, 2021

Tom Stoffel motioned to approve the December 10, 2021 minutes, motion was seconded by Kristine Hutter. The motion passed.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

Pat Irwin reported that she has not received a response from her email to Advocap regarding Committee vacancies.

E. REPORT OF DEPT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS

1. Public Health

- a. COVID-19 Update: Kristine Hutter reported that cases within the City remain at the “critically high” burden level as positive cases have doubled over the past two weeks due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant. 60.3% of City residents have received at least one dose of vaccine with 57.3% completing an entire vaccine series. The FDA, CDC, and WI Department of Health Services are now recommending booster doses for ages 12 and up, which can be given 5 months after the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

- b. Sixty Plus Grant – Programs Update: Kristine Hutter reported on behalf of Meghan Pauly. Meghan provided 19 services to 18 people in the month of December. December service offerings included blood pressure checks/wellness room, Lunch and Learn, and memory screening. Year to date, Meghan provided 218 services to 147 people.

- c. Winnebago County Grants Update – Kristine Hutter reported that Mayor Merkes signed contracts for Winnebago County grants for the Senior Center and 60+ Health Screenings. There will be no change in funding for 2022.

2. Senior Center

- a. Senior Center Operations/Programming Update: Chloe Hansen-Dunn reported that the Menasha Senior Center had 128 unique visitors in the month of December. In December, the Center saw 427 visits for 430 services, 97 YMCA services, and 4 volunteers for a total of 12 volunteer hours. Thus far in January, the staff has seen more new participants than regulars. The change to Center hours has seen more groups coming in the afternoons on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

3. Announcements: Memory screenings will take place on the third Wednesday of the month. Sam Schroeder, Director of Community Development, will be discussing City of Menasha developments at the Lunch & Learn on February 4th. Meghan will continue to do blood pressure checks. The Senior Center and Library have joined to present a two part film lecture series featuring Alfred Hitchcock films on Feb. 15th and Feb. 22nd. The Senior Center currently has an opening for a LTE clerk.

a. Rebuilding Together Fox Cities – Chloe Hansen-Dunn presented information for Rebuilding Together Fox Cities, an agency that works to keep people in the homes by making renovations. They have begun a focused initiative on fall prevention. There is an application process for their regular work, but fall concern referrals can be made by the Fire Department.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

Nothing to report

G. NEW BUSINESS

Bea Kohanski brought up a concern regarding city sidewalks being cleared. Committee discussed the City ordinance and the need for better enforcement on behalf of the senior population. Pat Irwin will email Mayor Merkes and Laura Jungwirth, Director of Public Works.

H. HELD OVER BUSINESS

1. COA Vacancies (3): Kristine Hutter and Chloe Hansen-Dunn have had discussions with Mayor Merkes regarding the vacancies. Mayor Merkes is reviewing the applications but has not made decisions regarding appointments to the Committee.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Tom Stoffel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 PM. The motion was seconded by Bea Kohanski. The motion passed.

Next meeting: February 11, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Menasha City Hall

100 Main Street, Room 132

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