

CITY OF MENASHA
COMMITTEE ON AGING
MINUTES
September 8, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Pat Irwin at 1:33 PM

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

Present: Anne Anderson, Sarah Bauer, Chloe Hansen-Dunn, Kristine Hutter, Pat Irwin, Dan Kelpinski

Absent: Bea Kohanski

Staff Present: Larissa Keller, Leah McCormick, Meghan Pauly

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (five minute time limit for each person)

None.

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Committee on Aging Meeting Minutes August 11, 2023

Anne Anderson motioned to approve the August 11, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Dan Kelpinski. The motion carried.

E. REPORT OF DEPT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS

1. Public Health

- a. Sixty Plus Grant Programs Update: Meghan Pauly reported that in the month of August she provided 80 services to 59 people. Services included wellness room, walking club, blood pressure readings at Lakeside Commons, and Memory Café which featured the Y Not chorus in Smith Park.

2. Senior Center

- a. Senior Center Operations/Programming Update: Chloe Hansen-Dunn reported that the Menasha Senior Center participated in the Day in the Park in Fox Crossing on September 12th. Menasha will host this event next year at Jefferson Park. Other notable Center offerings in August were the bus trip to the state fair, volunteer-led story circle and Ageless Grace class, Menasha Police Department's drone presentation, and the burger bar. Leah will be attending the Wisconsin Association of Senior Center's fall retreat.

3. Announcements: Hometown Pharmacy will be at the Senior Center on September 28th to provide the high dose and regular dose flu vaccine. Walking Club will continue on Fridays through the month of October. Meghan and Chloe will be teaching Healthy Living with Diabetes, a six-week course for diabetics and caregivers, starting October 17th. Meghan discussed the current changes in the seasonal Covid-19 vaccine and the new RSV vaccine for seniors (60+). Upcoming bus trips are LaCrosse in October, Scrooge at the Fireside Theater in December, and Jersey Boys at the Fireside Theater in January. The Senior Center will participate in Hometown Halloween on October 26th. There will be a Halloween party at the Center on October 31st.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. COA Member Engagement at Senior Center: The Committee discussed the October 6th Lunch and Learn presentation at the Senior Center. Chairperson Irwin will put together an agenda for the presentation and each member will have time for personal commentary. Kristine will invite Mayor Merkes to participate in the presentation. A suggestion box will be placed in the Senior Center as a means of communicating ideas to the Committee.

G. HELD OVER BUSINESS

1. Sesquicentennial Celebration Activities: Sarah Bauer reported on the status of the 2024 sesquicentennial celebration planning. Menasha's 150th birthday celebration will take place on March 5th. Sesquicentennial festival weekend is scheduled for June 21-22. The committee has planned a puzzle contest during the month of February and has a tentative date of June 14th for the blood drive at the Senior Center.

H. ACTION ITEMS

None.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Dan Kelpinski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 PM. The motion was seconded by Anne Anderson. The motion carried.

Next meeting: October 20, 2023 at 1:30 PM

Menasha City Hall

100 Main Street, Room 132

Menasha, WI