

Council on Aging Board Minutes Wednesday, October 19, 2011

Call to Order: Chair Janet Kopp called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Doris Thom, seconded by Ronnie Thomas. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Phyllis Byrne, Marti Everts, Nancy Flood, Polly Jones, Janet Kopp, Hjordis Olson, Mike Santucci, Shirley Sweet, Doris Thom, Ronnie Thomas, Supervisor Terry Thomas, Ellen Trewartha

Excused: Terry Burrington, Robert Jensen, Joan Wilson

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Julie Seeman

Introduction of Visitors: Also present were County Clerk Lori Stottler, Marcy Berner-Reedy, Nancy Toubl, and Diane Tester.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: Mike Santucci announced that the City of Beloit is having a budget discussion on Tuesday October 25, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the main dining room of the Grinnell Hall Senior Center (631 Bluff St). City Manager Larry Arft, and others, will present a PowerPoint outlining the City budget dilemma and they will field questions from the community. Grinnell Hall is rumored to be one possible target of potential budget cuts.

Ronnie Thomas provided information on the SHARE Program and stated that this month includes the Thanksgiving meal. He also provided information on the Meat Raffle Fund Raiser, the ECHO Empty Bowl fundraiser, and the ECHO fundraiser at the Performing Arts Center.

Supervisor Terry Thomas announced that the November 15, 2011 EVAS Committee meeting will be held at UW-Rock at 4:00 p.m. UW-Rock will provide a tour of the engineering department.

Janet Kopp stated that the Grinnell Hall Senior Center will be hosting an event for veterans on November 11, 2011. There will be a free lunch and program.

Joyce Lubben stated there will be a public hearing on the s.85.21 application during the November meeting.

Approval of September 21, 2011 CoA Board Minutes: A motion was made by Hjordis Olson, seconded by Phyllis Byrne, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

Advocacy Issue – Voter Identification Law: County Clerk Lori Stottler provided information on the office of the County Clerk and recent changes to the Wisconsin Election Laws, particularly the new photo identification requirements, signing the Poll Book, voter registration, provisional voting and absentee voting.

Staff Report:

Senior Fair Updates: Julie Seeman provided information on the Rock County Senior Fair to be held on Friday, October 28, 2011 at the Marshall Middle School. There are 92 vendors registered to provide information at the fair.

StrongWomen Training: Julie Seeman stated that she and Joyce Lubben are registered for training on the new StrongWomen Healthy Hearts program that is designed to help prevent or delay the onset of heart disease. Classes will likely begin after January 2, 2012.

Old Business:

Caregiver Conference: Julie Seeman reminded board members of the Relax and Rejuvenate caregiver conference to be held on November 10, 2011 at the Rotary River Center, Beloit.

New Business:

2013-2015 County Aging Plan: Joyce Lubben stated that she has received preliminary instructions on how to develop the 2013-2015 county aging plan. This is a major responsibility of the advisory board. More information will follow at the next meeting.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Terry Thomas: Supervisor Thomas stated that on September 29, 2011 ground was broken for the new Rock Haven Nursing Home. It is scheduled to be completed by November 2012.

The Madison-Milton rail should be completed soon.

Supervisor Thomas brought his copy of the 2012 county budget to show how it is organized and how complex it is.

Adjournment: Ronnie Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Doris Thom. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Minutes not official until approved by the Council on Aging Advisory Board.