

Senior Millage Allocation Committee
April 5, 2013 8:00 a.m.
Burnham Brook
200 W Michigan Ave
Battle Creek, MI
Valentine Room

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Chairman Jim Haadsma.

Members Present: Rod Auton, Arlene Bolton, Jill Booth, Jane Chappell, Shirley Clutter , Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Joanne Konkle, Ralph Moore, Jim Powers

Members Absent: Kathy-Sue Dunn, Willie Tabb

Staff Present: Carl Gibson, Rodna Stealy, Brad Wilcox,

Guests Present: Approval of the Agenda:

Powers made a motion to approve the Agenda, Booth supported. ***Motion Carried.***

Approval of Minutes:

Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from March 1, 2013, Clutter supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

Citizen Comments: Konkle wanted to Thank Gibson and Stealy for all the work on the Marshall Area Senior Fair. It was a very nice event.

Gibson read aloud Notice of Opportunity to Comment. Hands On is merging with United Way of Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.

Reports

Gibson explained contract spending. Moore made a motion to approve the financial reports. Bolton supported the motion. ***Motion Carried.***

Gibson discussed fund balance and suggested possible Chore Service and Rent a Ramp programs. There was discussion of possibilities and a suggestion that the Needs Assessment and Focus Group data should give a better idea of the need.

New Business

Directors Report

Needs Assessment Update The response rate has been 35% on the Needs Assessment Survey. In Focus Groups Seniors didn't seem to know what services were available to them. Members discussed the problem of people not being aware of the services available to them. Some members suggested working with the Human Resources Departments of the larger companies in the area. Make sure they are letting retirees know what is available to them. It was

noted that many people just don't pay attention when information is presented because they don't need the service and then when they do they have forgotten where to go to get service and what services are available.

Gibson noted that the Senior Fare had 62 Vendors and around 350 participants. It was very successful with the larger space in the Middle School gym.

Mentor Assignments for new members

Joanne Konkle – Jane Chappell
Jim Powers- Rod Auton
Kathy Sue Dunn- Jim Haadsma

Calendar of Events 2013

Senior Health Partners Health Fair – May 16
Geritol Follies – June 27
County Fair – August

Gibson will be gone first 2 weeks of May – members decided to have the May meeting on May 17th at the County Building. Members request the Chris Sargent of United Way be asked to attend to talk about Hands On services.

By-Laws/Member/ Appreciation

As determined by the By-Laws of this committee Joanne Konkle 's term is up this month. Joanne has been a great asset to this committee and will be greatly missed. Gibson presented Konkle with a certificate of Appreciation for her many years of service to Seniors in Calhoun County. She plans to attend meetings and remain a strong advocate.

Presentation: Rod Auton gave an overview of Centra Care in Calhoun County and the new site in Kalamazoo. Auton explained services provided by Centra Care and goals they plan to attain.

Centra Care is a PACE program-Program for All Inclusive Care of the elderly.

Adjourned 9:40 a.m.

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Next Meeting: May 17, 2013 in the County Building Room S-700