

Senior Millage Allocation Committee
Friday April 4, 2014 8:00 a.m.
Calhoun County Building – Law Library
315 W Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call: Jim Haadsma at 8:07 a.m. and roll call

Roll Call Attending: Arlene Bolton, Jill Booth, Jane Chappell, Shirley Clutter, Jim Haadsma, Art Kale, Willy Kalnins, James Powers, Ralph Moore

Absent Excused: Rod Auton, Kathie-Sue Dunn, Willie Tabb

Staff: Carl Gibson, Brad Wilcox, Cheryl Pierce and Lora Stevens Absent Excused: Rodna Stealy

Visitors: Drew Walker, JoAnn Konkle and Bev Bentley

Agenda – Jan Chapple and /Arlene Bolton: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

Minutes for March, 2014 – Willy Kalnins and Ralph Moore: Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

Director Reporting – Carl Gibson

- Welcomed Visitors and introductions.
- Chappell and Booth re-appointed for a new 3-year term ending 2017. Joanne Konkle re-appointed to fill the opening from Arlene Bolton having just completed three 3-yr consecutive terms. Drew Walker, as a new member, to be appointed to a 2-year term when the Board of Commissioners meet in session April 15.
- Handed out 2013 Contract Spending report with corrections and update information. A number of categories were changed, reporting higher spending levels than previously reported. Community Action did fully spend its \$90,000 budget for Minor Home Repair.
 - FY 2013 Unexpended balance ~ \$89,000.
 - Fund Balance \$823,000.
- Fork Senior Center issue in Albion: looking for a new building to which re-locate.
 - Current school building not sure if they will be open next school year.
 - Looking at a church, but not a good neutral place, so senior will not attend
 - Approximately 350 members, but no one is for sure and if many seniors are not renewing their memberships. The Center did shift its renewal period to the same annual date for all members, rather than keeping track of each individual's starting date.
 - Wilcox met with the Forks Center staff to tour the County Service building in Albion, proposing a ground level floor plan and a 10-year lease. Close to the main street and with large parking area in front and back of building It is a County building and Millage may be asked to again support building rental, in addition to center staffing. Plumbing will be brought up to code and building will make ADA accessible. The Center would need 2,500 sq. feet to start and would like 800 sq. feet for a new special program.
 - SMAC representative need to review financials with the Fork Center to see if it will support the move. Gibson stated, and the Center knows, that the Meal program would have to move in tandem also.
 - Discussion: Concern about moving from high need neighborhood and perceived loss to the low income community. No known fundraisers were implemented last year. Art

Kale to have discussion with local residents who sit on the FSC Board to express concern about stability of the Center. To express value of SMAC representative sitting on the FSC Board. Management items of specific concern:

Board meeting is not open to the public right now and should be.

Board does not take member apps at the meetings, they need them submitted and they will be reviewed before the meeting; this should change.

Kris Jenkins – update on M.E. Burch Adult Day Care Center (Wattle Park area in Battle Creek)

- Kris review and discussion what M.E. Burch does for seniors and thank the board for their support: SMAC approved a grant for the next 5 years to M.E. Burch ADC. Senior Millage money helps seniors 60 years and older. No waiting list to attend ME Burch Adult Day Care.
- ME Burch also do case management with the families. They work with the patient's doctor and if they do not have their own primary they will work with the Department of Calhoun County Medical Services.
- Active roster of 98 members 44 men and 54 women. Average daily people at the center is 50 people
- They offer 21 individual – different areas, i.e. bathing, eating, games, OT, PT, hair care etc.
- Youngest person served there is 24 and the oldest is 104 years old, all ethnic groups.
- Received \$5,000 from family donations last year
- Jenkins offer to host a SMAC board meeting and they will provide breakfast and a tour of the facility both the nursing home area and M.E. Burch ADC.
- Fund Raiser Golf Outing (largest fundraiser for M.E. Burch) June 27 at Cedar Creek Golf Course.

Karla Fales – NorthPointe Woods – Mini Grant request for \$1,900 cost-sharing portion

- For an Internship for a MSU student working on her degree in Hospitality Mgmt and Aging. Local student; 40 hrs for 10 weeks, 400 hours total salary.
- Area Agency of the Aging – Senior Health Partners will be issuing her paycheck
- Will look at long term having an intern on an annual basis.
- SMAC request that the intern to give a report back to the SMAC board when she is close to her 400 hours served and come in mid-summer and give a report.
- **Jill Booth and Arlene Bolton:** Motion, Second and Approved – *Motion Carried*

Linda Grap – Senior Health Partners - (Review Heart of the Village mini-grant)

This mini-grant was approved at the March SMAC meeting and Grap is explaining its purpose.

Previously the Senior Health Partners covered the membership fee.

Senior Health Partners – asked for a \$350 grant for the *Heart of the Villages* membership - neighborhoods working with each other to help seniors stay in their homes and sharing of services for seniors. Middle group of seniors that have some money which eliminates them getting help in some programs and they don't have not enough to do it themselves – the ones that slip through the cracks. This is a national movement and would like to expand to other communities, i.e. Homer, Albion. There are currently six (6) communities in Michigan trying to launch this membership to this national organization. They meet the first Thursday of every month at 9:00 call Karla at 269-441-0933 or Alice at 269-441-9313 for more info about meetings.

NOTE: Parkinson Disease event April 26 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm and will be held at Bronson Battle Creek Outpatient Center with specialty doctors in this disease.

Old Business:

Marshall Area Senior Fair – April 10th.

Over 60 vendors have signed up to date.

Set up on Wednesday April 9 at 1:300 at the Middle School

Kale will promote the fair on his next morning radio show on WBCK.

SMAC – reappointments will be approved at the next BOC meeting

Note: This is Arlene’s last board meeting as her third – 3year term is finished. Everyone wished her well.

9:30 am Adjournment by Jim and Jane supported.

Next Meeting –May 02, 2014, 8:00 am – New Garden Level Conference room

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