

Council on Aging Board Minutes Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Call to Order: Chair Robert Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Janet Kopp, seconded by Hjordis Olson, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Phyllis Byrne, Laura Doll, Robert Jensen, Polly Jones, Janet Kopp, Evelyn Propp, Shirley Sweet, Supervisor Terry Thomas, Ellen Trewartha, Joan Wilson

Excused: Cecilia Blackwell, Nancy Flood, Hjordis Olson, Joanne Woodman

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Rane Goodroad, Julie Seeman, Terri Pass

Introduction of Visitors: Also present was Marti Everts.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: None

Approval of October 21, 2009 Minutes: Shirley Sweet made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting, seconded by Supervisor Terry Thomas. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

1. Review of Rock County Senior Fair: Julie Seeman stated that, as best as can be determined, between 1,100 and 1,200 people attended the Rock County Senior Fair, up from around 700 last year. There were 72 vendors, which were quite varied. The Public Health Department gave a significant number of shingles shots along with the flu shots. The RX Round-up was also successful. There were 375 meals served. Ms. Seeman and Laura Doll stated that the fair was successful, in large part, due to this year's marketing efforts.
2. Summary of Aging Plan Results: Joyce Lubben distributed a summary of results from the aging services survey printed in the Senior Review. Only 14 evaluations were returned; so it is hard to draw any conclusions. However, prescription drugs and health care seem to be top concerns.
3. Website: Julie Seeman reported that the County is revising the website during the first part of 2010. A link from the Council on Aging's site will be Beacon-Web, a web-based information and referral system. This database will list resources in and around Rock County that serve older adults and their families.
4. Medicare Part D Assistance: Terri Pass provided an update on Medicare Part D enrollment. She and Josh Hinz have been very busy. Rob Wilkinson has been hired

to assist part-time through the end of 2009. The nationwide Plan Finder has been very slow, which has complicated the enrollment process.

Old Business:

1. 2009 Caregiver Conference: Julie Seeman reported that 75 people attended the Caregiver Conference. She distributed a summary of evaluations. Most attendees, as well as the planners, felt this year's conference was the best yet.

New Business: None

Reports:

1. County Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Terry Thomas:
 - Commended the Council on Aging staff for the success of the senior fairs.
 - Stated that the Board of Supervisors passed the 2010 budget.
 - Reported that the Human Services Board and the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee passed a resolution that designates Human Services/Long Term Support as the lead elder abuse agency for the County instead of the Council on Aging.
 - Reported that County Administration and Department Heads met with State staff regarding Family Care. He is waiting for a report on that meeting.
 - Reminded board members that those people running for a seat on the County Board of Supervisors will be collecting signatures for their nomination papers.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Janet Kopp, seconded by Ellen Trewartha, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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