



COUNCIL ON AGING NUTRITION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting of the Council on Aging Nutrition Advisory Board was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chuck Wilson, via Zoom conference, in lieu of being in person at the Council on Aging office, 3328 US Highway 51 North, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Janice Turner, seconded by Sue McGinness, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: (via phone call or Zoom) Pam Bostwick, Tom Brien, Patricia Burhans, Rena DeWar, Jeff Didelot, Karen Ferguson, Sherril Gilbertson, Jack Kooyman, Debbie Kraus, Sue McGinness, Vicky O'Donnell, Janice Turner, and Chuck Wilson

Excused: Jeff Didelot (deceased) Vicki Gobel

Staff Present: Paula Schutt, Lisa Messer, Linda Hardie

Introduction of Visitors: Amy Karas, Nutrition & Health Associates; Rodney Oksuita, Best Events

Approval of March 17, 2021 Nutrition Advisory Board Minutes: A motion was made by Pat Burhans, seconded by Karen Ferguson, to approve the March 17, 2021, Nutrition Advisory Board minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None

Staff Report:

Staffing: Linda Hardie stated that an offer has been made and accepted for the new Nutrition Program assistant position. Tatiana March attended new employee orientation on Monday, April 19; is currently completing her required commitment at her previous employer; and will be starting her full time duties at Council on Aging Monday, April 26.

Volunteers: In 2020, there were a total of 7,410 volunteer hours donated to the Nutrition Program! Linda sent out another press release in late March, in an attempt to recruit more home delivered meal drivers; as a result, there was an article in the Janesville Gazette, as well as a couple of radio spots on WCLO. As a result, there are several new volunteer drivers, but there is always a need for more.

Vaccines: Although it is not permitted to ask, Hardie has heard anecdotally from several site managers, volunteers, and volunteer drivers, that they have completed their vaccinations and are feeling much more comfortable (less anxiety) with human interaction.

Happenings: Jeff Didelot passed away on Wednesday, April 14. In addition to being a board member, he was also a home delivered meal driver, and a dining center manager substitute. His wife, Patricia, is the dining site manager in Milton. Patricia has graciously requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Nutrition Program.

On Monday, April 19, the Nutrition Program received a \$5,000 donation from Cargill Feeds, in Milton. The donation is part of Cargill Cares, a philanthropic arm of the Texas-based company. The annual Wisconsin Association of Nutrition Directors conference will be held virtually, on June 2.

New Business: No New Business

Old Business:

Senior Farmers' Market Vouchers: Linda shared that she finally heard from the State of Wisconsin: this year, Rock County will be receiving 554 vouchers, rather than the usual 489. This represents an increase of 65 over recent years. Regarding intern(s) to assist with the vouchers: An intern coordination contact from UW-Whitewater had earlier stated that "I have someone in mind for you". However, when most recently contacted, she stated that the person she had thought would assist, would not be coming after all. There is still an effort underway to pursue other avenues in attempt to secure an intern. Lisa Messer offered to reach out to some of her contacts to assist with the intern search.

Reports:

Best Events: Rod Oksuita stated that things are moving along as per usual; there was inquiry as to the three most popular entrees; Rod listed spaghetti & meatballs, meatloaf, and salmon as being extremely popular. Rod generously offered that Best Events would donate space at the Pontiac Convention Center, if needed for in-person class offerings (health promotion classes).

Nutrition & Health Associates: Amy Karas stated that there was not much to report. She has reviewed the fall/winter menu with Linda and the site managers; the next step will be to meet with David, at Best Events. Moving forward, she will be busy with the menu. Amy and Lisa Messer gave feedback to the publishers on the Healthy Eating class curriculum.

Dining Center /Curbside Pick-up Meal Visits: none.

Home Delivered Meal Ride-Alongs: none.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Pat Burhans, seconded by Sue McGinness, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

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