

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING & SENIOR CENTER
Regular Board Meeting
January 19, 2016 @ 308 Lawndale St., Grayling

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Carol Lovely.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Carol Lovely, Dean McCray, Matthew LeBlanc, Jamie McClain, Cheryl Hopp, and Rev. Elizabeth Chace.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Alice Snyder, Melanie Conway, and Lynn Cheney.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by LeBlanc. A prayer was offered by Rev. ~~Chanee~~ Chace.

APPOINTMENT OF TIME KEEPER: McClain was appointed time keeper for the meeting.

AGENDA:

Motion by Rev. Elizabeth ~~Chanee~~ Chace to approve the agenda, supported by McClain. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

LeBlanc asked if the \$6000 transfer would be on the agenda this evening. Director Snyder stated that it would not because the audit has not been approved at this time.

Motion by Rev. ~~Chase~~ Chace to approve the Consent Agenda, supported by Hopp. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

REPORTS

A. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Snyder stated that the COA received the grant statement in the mail today. Meal programs grant decreased by \$2,167 for the first six months, because our meal numbers were down. In-home services went down by \$119. Karl Schreiner's retirement party will be on Thursday and Jack Mahank service will be on Saturday.

Lovely stated that Mahank's passing is a great loss to this board. Many board members relied on Jack's expertise. I would like you to spend time on the board packet and bring your questions to the meeting. McCray stated that Mahank was always focused on the budget.

Lindsey DeRousse was hired as the new Advocacy and Resource Coordinator. At this point she does not have the MMAP or Veterans training. Motion made by McCray to receive and file the director's report supported by Rev. ~~Chase~~ Chace. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

B. NEMCSA & NORTHEAST MICHIGAN REGIONAL COUNCIL ON AGING – Earl Corpe

NEMCSA meeting was held on January 8th. NEMCSA is working on upgrading their computer systems. RSVP for Crawford and Roscommon Counties received a Martin Luther King Mini Grant to purchase products to give to homebound seniors. The items will be delivered next week.

AAA: October meeting guest speaker was Jessica Krueger, Alzheimer's Association Program Coordinator. Group discussion was on the Nine Strategies to Transform Community Service Organizations that Assist Older Adults. Some comments included that Roscommon COA congregate is set up like a restaurant with tables and booths. Everyone needs to talk to seniors to find out why they are not coming to the senior center? What would be a good name beside senior center? Ogemaw now calls there senior center My Place. NEMCSA will have a Tax Program this year, which will be held in Gaylord and Mio.

November-December combined meeting: Kara LaMarre did a presentation on the Matter of Balance program. In the Directors report Laurie Sauer stated that there are four House Bills addressing elder abuse. The Federal Department of Treasury is offering a new retirement savings plan called MyRA . More information is available at www.myra.gov.

Mahank left holes on several boards including the COA, NEMCSA, and Northern Lakes Mental Health board.

C. QUARTERLY COMMUNITY PLAN REPORT

Director Snyder stated that this is the last year in the community plan. According to the schedule we should be doing another survey this year and has emailed the AAA regarding this. Discussion was held regarding the unmet needs of seniors in Crawford County. The SHARP program was developed to help with home maintenance. The program struggles to get volunteers. Snow removal referrals is mostly getting seniors information about who can help them plow. Utilities assistant is in full swing, the COA has helped 14 seniors so far. In the first quart we jumped from 23 last year to 60 this year. Part of this was due to the Banfield Pet Assistance Grant. Karl and his MMAP volunteers saved seniors over \$95,000 during Medicare open enrollment. Tax Aide will not be offered in Crawford County this year. Gaylord and Mio have a tax sited through NEMSCA, Kalkaska has one through AARP. Lovely stated that the most unmet need is yardwork. Schreiner has contacted all the youth groups to see if they would help. Discussion about how can we connect our seniors with high school students to do some work? The COA policy states that you have to have an adult on site. We need to push at the high school to get students and groups to volunteer.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

Director Snyder stated that the budget has fundraising money budgeted. Director Snyder will meet with McClain on Thursday to start planning some events like Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Meals on Wheels art auction, and Chris Cakes. Chris Cakes would be Saturday morning of race day down town. McClain stated that a new Bingo was played at the Moose call Meat Bingo and you win meat.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER ASSESSMENT RESULTS:

There was a discussion about the County Commissioners assessment results. Snyder sent an email out to the commissioners about the comments, but no one emailed back. One good question should be, "Why you don't come to the senior center?" Motion made by McCray to receive and file the County Commissioners Assessment, supported by McClain. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

B. SALE OF STOCK:

Director Snyder stated Met Life did a stock spilt and the COA ended up with 10 shares. The Board authorized Director Snyder to sell it. Motion made by McClain to authorize Director Snyder to conduct the financial transaction and to sell 10 shares Computershare stock, supported by McCray. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

C. 2016 MILLAGE ELECTION:

Director Snyder stated that our millage expires this year. 56% of our budget comes from the millage. The board needs to make a decision at the February meeting. This meeting is to ask any questions and talk about it. Lovely asked if there is any data on the different election dates. Director Snyder stated that it needs to be on the ballot in August. If we increase to 1 mill it would increase approximately \$13.18 for a taxable value of \$50,000. Director Snyder will find out the millage duration of the other county agencies.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Lovely stated that she missed Jack Mahank at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by McCray, supported by Hopp to adjourn the meeting at 8:13p.m. Ayes (6) six, nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean McCray, Secretary

Recorded by Lynn Cheney