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## **MADISON SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES MARCH 10, 2016**

**Present:** Wendy Oberg, Marcy Sanders, Sheri Purcelli, Pat Melady, Austin Hall, Jim Ball, Dale Kach, Gerry Kerins, Craig Benard, Bennet Pudlin

**Absent:** Jason Ulstad

**Meeting was called to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Gerry Kerins.

**Public Comments:** Jim and Barbara Ryan attended to observe the commission meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved by Pat Melady, seconded by Wendy Oberg. All in favor.

**Bus Repairs:** A discussion of the need for bus repairs ensued. MSC is lacking two busses due to the need for fuel tanks. The initial estimate for repairs was \$16,000; Austin is gathering more quotes.

**Tax Relief Update:** the Tax Relief Committee will present to the BOF on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Sherry suggested the proposal be framed by the Senior Commission objective to promote senior's choices to live in a place of their choosing.

**Financial Report:** Hall distributed and reviewed the financial report. There were no unforeseen expenditures. We discussed paying for one person to attend Strong Adult Day Center (we pay for ½ cost). A motion was made to accept the report by Pat Melady; motion was seconded by Sherry Purcelli.

**Staff Report:** MSC hired Dan Lux from Vista and Stephanie. Both are doing well-with Stephanie assisting with prepwork. One server resigned so there is an opening for another server. The application for the opening closes tomorrow.

**Activities Report:** The report was reviewed. Last month, 113 different individuals attended the center for meals with 376 total meals. They lost about 3 days due to weather.

**New Business:**

- a. Pat Melady is on the Salt Meadow Park Commission and is interested in gathering opinions from the seniors as to what they would like at the park. Pat will send a survey to Austin to distribute.
- b. Craig Benard led discussion around restructuring the senior commission to more closely align with a Friends of Madison nonprofit. The focus would be meeting the immediate needs of the senior center through project-based focus that would include fund-raising and developing partnerships. The discussion will continue next month.

**Adjourn:** Gerry Kerin made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Sherry Purcelli. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

**Next Meeting:** April 14, 2016 5:30pm, Madison Senior Center

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Sanders