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MADISON SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTES JULY, 2016

Present: Wendy Oberg, Marcy Sanders, Gerry Kerins, Jason Ulstad, Austin Hall, Laurie Murphy, Dale Kach, Bruce Wilson, Sheri Purcelli,

Absent: Craig Benard, Bennet Pudlin, Pat Melady, Jim Ball

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved by Dale (with the exception of a missing person in the last minutes), seconded by Austin. All in favor.

Public Comments: Jim and Barbara Ryan presented the Odd Jobs program focused on volunteers completing chores for older adults. Austin mentioned the Big Event in August which is a one day event focused on helping seniors. We discussed contacting a DHHS club or organization to facilitate help with chores on an ongoing basis. Austin suggested the Shoreline Business Networking International may be an option for home maintenance/small job needs.

Tax Relief Update: The BOF received the tax relief proposal. The proposal will go to a drafting committee, who make revisions and send make to the BOF. One concern was the review process and "sunset date". The BOF meeting is 7/20/2016 at 7:00 pm. The MSC is generally not in favor of a sunset date, feeling it would not be supported by seniors.

Financial Report: Austin reviewed the financial report. The MSC was able to save 14K in professional services by consolidating services and being frugal.

Activities Report: Austin reported a great increase in the numbers of individual attendees and overall attendance at activities as compared to last year. He reported that 1242 seniors had attended programs last year (unduplicated) which is about 30% of Madison's seniors. He reported a breakdown of the senior membership (age groups consolidated for this report): ages 60-69, 23%; 70-79, 40%; 80 and over, 30% (about 4% do not give their age). About 74% are female and 26% of members are male.

Austin discussed the need to charge for Meals on Wheels (MOW) since we are now using Milton Marcus funds for this service (which will eventually run out). The café is continuing to show an average of 40 “customers” per lunch (as compared to an average of 6 last year). Austin also discussed the continued income received from weekly meetings (\$10/mtg).

Austin reported that starting in September, the town will institute a limited transaction policy to meaning that cash transactions will be limited to \$10 for public transactions, for safety purposes. The town will begin to take credit cards.

New Business: Gerry Kerins has suggested a yearly “membership fee” to support MSC activities. This was discussed relative to cost/benefits to MSC and to seniors (residents’/non-residents).

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm. Wendy Oberg moved and Gerry Kerins closed the meeting. Next meeting on August 11th, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Sanders