



Watertown Commission on Aging

Paul Ericsson
Cindy Raymond
Jim Sandquist
Dave Smith
Amy Dimmler
Deb Favorit
Dawn Plumer
Mayor Steve Washburn
Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Tschudi

10/6/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order

Commission on Aging Chair Dave Smith called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm on October 6, 2021 in room A of the Watertown Community Center.

Members present: Smith, Paul Ericsson, Cindy Raymond, Jim Sandquist, Amy Dimmler, Dawn Plumer and Lynn Tschudi.

2. Adopt Agenda

ERICSSON MOVED, RAYMOND SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approve Minutes

SANDQUIST MOVED, RAYMOND SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 9 AND AUGUST 4, 2021. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

3.A. Minutes From June 9, 2021

3.B. Minutes From August 4, 2021

4. New Business

4.A. Holiday Dinner Discussion

Amy Dimmler stated that Community Education has been receiving many calls for reservations for the Senior Holiday Dinner. Sandquist would like to see the dinner held so that the seniors are able to interact with one another. Tschudi is reluctant due to the fact of a possible large gathering and the

event becoming a super spreader. Dawn Plumer with Carver County Public Health suggested limiting the number of people who can attend. The commission discussed possible options and their thoughts on COVID-19 restrictions affecting the Senior Dinner. The commission discussed postponing the dinner to the spring and either having it outside or back at the community center.

SMITH MOVED, ERICSSON SECONDED A MOTION TO POSTPONE THE HOLIDAY DINNER TO A LATER DATE. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

4.B. Historical Society Legacy Project Update

Marty Bergland from the Historical Society said the Society had started to interview local residents about their history prior to COVID. The purpose was to start a legacy document that the family would have as a keepsake and continue to share the history of the family. Bergland said the interviews stalled due to COVID. Raymond said she reached out to the Historical Society in hopes that the Commission on Aging could assist with this Legacy Project. Ericsson shared that the library will be applying for a grant that will allow media to be converted from older versions to digital. Ericsson said part of this will be obtaining recording equipment and could possibly tie into the legacy project. Tschudi said the community center rooms could be used for the interviews as well. She said the Commission on Aging could help in any way they see fit.

5. Ageless Business

6. Updates From City

Tschudi updated that the new City Administrator will start on October 25, 2021.

7. Updates From Commissioners

Dawn Plumer shared a slide show with the Commission on Public Health updates. She said there will be free COVID testing at the event center in Waconia beginning October 11. Walk ins will be allowed and the turn-around time is about 24 hours. Plumer also said the Pfizer booster shot is available for those who qualify.

Ericsson updated on the fall programming at the library. The Watertown branch has resumed their pre-Covid business hours.

8. Adjourn

DIMMLER MOVED, SANDQUIST SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:22 PM. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

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