



Commission on Aging

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**Roscommon County Commission on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting
May 18, 2022**

Meeting called to order: Secretary Madeline Hiller at 1:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance: All attending

Roll Call: Madeline Hiller, Secretary, Al Schultz, Treasurer, Kim Warner, Chuck Corwin and Patty Bone.

Mary Fry – Executive Director

Excused Absence: Tracy Constance, Roberta Kary, Marc Milburn and Peggy Poynter.

Intro of Guests: Jim Deamud- Attorney & Vivian Balmes – RCCOA Controller

Reading of Mission Statement: Mary Fry

Approval of Agenda:

Kim Warner made the motion to accept the agenda as presented, supported by Al Schultz. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Chuck Corwin made the motion to accept Consent Agenda as presented, supported by Al Schultz. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Kathy Jernigan, representing St. Helen Chamber of Commerce, asked if the Chamber would be able to use the RCCOA St. Helen Center to host their annual Fish Fry Fundraiser being held on July 16, 2022, from 6:30-8:00PM. In the past, a donation was made to MOW. This donation will be considered again this year.

Al Schultz made a motion to allow ST. Helen Chamber to use the RCCOA St. Helen Center to host their annual Fish Fry Fundraiser from 3:00-9:00pm, making sure to adhere to all covid restrictions, and pending approval from St. Helen Chamber. Motion supported by Chuck Corwin. All in favor. Motion carried.

Emil Bellenbaum, asked about the approved By-Laws. He also had questions when the four (4) standing committees, and personnel committees. When would they be selected and publicized? He asked if committee information would be publicly disclosed. He also wanted to make sure there would be no

conflict of interest when selecting these representatives. He asked if these selections could be discussed at the June meeting. With the Board Chairman, Tracy Constance not in attendance, this suggestion was put on hold.

Director's Team Report:

Mary Fry reported that the millage renewal language was approved and will be officially put on the ballot in August. We were asked to remind the community to come and vote for the millage.

Grant applications:

The Agency was awarded a Roscommon County Community Foundation Grant for \$2,575.00, allowing the Agency to purchase ten (10) new insulated thermos-bags, five new coolers and miscellaneous kitchen equipment to support the "Meals-On-Wheels" program.

Four (4) Grant applications were sent to United Way to support various programs. We expect to hear from them shortly with their determination.

Five (5) NEMCSA grant requests are currently being worked on. They must be submitted by June 3. Betty, Vivian and Mary are working as a team to get the RFP's completed.

Recommended Meal Donation:

The current suggested donation for meals is \$2.50 for clients over 60 years of age and \$5.00 for those under 60. With months of supporting documentation, we are suggesting that the suggested donation be increased. This is supported by the well-known increase in food costs that we are all experiencing. Recommended suggested donations will be \$3.00 and \$6.00. Board will discuss this suggested increase at the June 15th Board Meeting. No vote was taken at this time.

Financial Update & Presentation: Vivian Balmes, Controller.

Vivian gave Financial/Budgets spread sheets to all attending, reviewing their content and how they are controlled by NEMCSA. Vivian explained how NEMSCA creates the financial/budgets spreadsheets, and all centers must use these to be in compliance. Vivian explained on pages 1 & 3 there was an error and the amounts to be corrected. She answered questions from the audience about the budget.

County Commissioner's Report:

Marc Milburn had an excused absence. No report at this time.

Region 9 Advisory Committee Report:

Chuck Corwin said meeting was Monday, May 23 and he will be attending in person.

Senior Center's Report:

Houghton Lake: Advisory meetings cancelled – not enough attendees. Mother's Day celebration was enjoyed by the seniors. Thanked the Administration staff for their part, wearing hats and aprons to serve the seniors their lunch.

Roscommon Center: Kim reported that the Mother's Day tea was a success and well attended.

St. Helen Center: Now has Cardio drumming which is being enjoyed by the Seniors. Cinco-de-Mayo party had good food and was fun. Seniors really enjoyed.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment:

Cathy Jernigan thanked Mary and her team for the information regarding the potential increase in suggested donations for lunches. Found the graphs to be very informative. Cathy voiced her support for the increase in suggested donation.

Dennis Dusseau asked if we have checked into Cisco foods for their prices since Gordan foods prices have increased and some items when ordered do not come in or are out of stock.

Emil Bellenbaum had many questions to Vivian regarding the budget, miscellaneous expense. Vivian asked that he call her and make an appointment so that she can explain the way the budget is set up.

Mary was asked why Center Manager could not say prayer before lunch. She explained per Federal and State guidelines that this cannot be done by any employee or board member but that any Senior attending may lead prayer at any appropriate time.

Deb Looney told all attending that the lunch money collection boxes are at the back of the lunchroom. Many seniors pay by check for the month or mail in their money to make it easier. If you do not see someone put money in the box, that doesn't mean they are getting a free lunch. No one will be refused if they cannot afford to pay for lunch. If anyone has a suggestion for a trip, they need to contact her to see if this can be done. She is always looking for new suggestions.

Board Comments:

Chuck asked that discussion on meal prices be placed under Old Business and discussed at this time and decide the amount. Discussion will take place at the June 15th meeting.

Adjournment:

Al Schultz made the motion to adjourn meeting at 1:44pm, with Peggy Poynter in support. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline (Maddie) Hiller

Next meeting to be held at the Houghton Lake Center on June 15, 2022, at 1:00pm. Board members are encouraged to have lunch at the Center. Meal orders should be called in by Thursday, the day before the meeting.