

Senior Outreach Services Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

8:30 AM

McFarland Municipal Center

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lowell Prill, Jerry Adrian, Colleen McCormick, Barb Vanderwerff, Diane Mikelbank, Kathy Lyons, Ken Boyd

Staff Present: Katie Gletty-Syoen, Matt Schuencke (via zoom)

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- a. There is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Senior Outreach Services Committee. Members of the public who wish to address the Committee should fill out a public comment form and turn in into the meeting chairperson. Members of the public may speak during public appearances or during their selected agenda items as they designate on the public comment form. Please adhere to the 3 minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to senior.outreach@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting. There were no public appearances

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2025 Meeting. Motion approved.

4. BUSINESS

- a. Presentation of SOS Quarterly Report (October, November, December 2025). Senior Outreach programs from October–December were reviewed, including attendance for regular and special events. Highlights included Meals with Melody (41 attendees each in October and November), Honoring Veterans Stories (77 registered plus walk-ins), and Holiday Meals with Melody (63 attendees), with increased capacity supported by the Village Communications Department. Fourth-quarter participation rose in 2025 compared to the same quarter in 2024, across all meal programs: Cambridge (25%), McFarland Home Delivered (26%), and McFarland Congregate (31%). Case management hours totaled 62.25 in October, 74 in November, and 54 in December, with client updates and current needs shared. County funding for the Cambridge meal site will be added to a future agenda, and adding volunteer-led programs to quarterly reports was discussed.

b. Discuss 2026 Senior Outreach program offerings.

Reviewed 2026 program updates, including adding Thursday congregate meals; expanding the senior film series and Aging with Wisdom lectures to monthly occurrences; launching Reimagining Retirement as a monthly series; offering monthly dementia caregiver and respite groups, as well as monthly grief and loss support with 1:1 consultations; introducing What Is Felt? as a quarterly program; and adding dates for health and wellness classes. Upcoming special events were highlighted. Discussion included strategies to engage more men in wellness classes and increasing use of surveys to identify needs, gather feedback, and address service gaps.

c. Presentation and discussion of different senior center models in Dane County.

The Stoughton Senior Center model includes a director, assistant director, five case managers, and support staff, overseen by a Commission on Aging. Facilities include a wood shop, pool room, and craft/music spaces on the ground floor; exercise and event spaces in the annex; case manager offices, conference/classrooms, and durable medical equipment storage on the second floor; and a main floor with reception, dining, and computer room. Members scan cards on entry. A visual aid to compare center components for McFarland's future planning was discussed.

d. Discuss premiere event for the McFarland Senior Outreach documentary screening.

The Communications Department interviewed staff, volunteers, and participating seniors to highlight Senior Outreach services in a documentary. A red carpet-themed premiere is preliminarily planned for March at 6 p.m., with interviewees invited as VIP guests and a panel discussion to follow. A separate screening for high school students was discussed to encourage intergenerational dialogue on aging.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting will be scheduled Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 8:30am.

6. Adjournment

Lowell Prill motioned to adjourn the meeting and Colleen McCormick seconded motion.