

Senior Outreach Services Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

8:30 AM

McFarland Municipal Center

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lowell Prill, Jerry Adrian, Colleen McCormick, Barb Vanderwerff, Kathy Lyons, Kathy Annen

Members not present: Diane Mikelbank

Staff Present: Katie Gletty-Syoen, Matt Schuencke

Public Attendees: no public appearances

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 April 15, 2026 meeting. Motion by Kathy Lyons. Second by Colleen McCormick. Approved 6-0.

4. BUSINESS

- a. Review and discuss the documentary premiere, "Making McFarland: Senior Outreach Services" and Silent Auction event on May 6, 2025.

Katie Gletty-Syoen shared that the premiere received overwhelmingly positive feedback. The documentary featured older adults, senior outreach staff, volunteers, caregivers, and community members, and is now publicly available on social media. She also noted that more than 30 items were donated by local businesses and older adults in the community for the silent auction. Refreshments were partially donated by Angelos, in addition to homemade desserts prepared by community older adults. Through the silent auction, more than \$2,000 was raised

for the McFarland Area Outreach Endowment. SOS committee members expressed positive feedback as well, highlighting how the documentary increased public awareness of the services and support available within the community. how the documentary helped to bring more awareness to the public of the services offered. Discussed programs offered by Senior Outreach Services and some of the challenges in providing services to seniors.

b. *Discuss Operations and Space Needs for Senior Center, including areas of Health and Wellness, Case Management, and Social and Recreational.*

Katie shared community feedback from the “Imagine YOUR Senior Center” board, highlighting priorities for a dementia-friendly, accessible senior center that reduces social isolation and supports the needs of older adults in the McFarland community.

- a. **Case Management:** Katie reviewed services that provide information, referrals, advocacy, and support for adults 60+ and caregivers to help them remain safely at home. She highlighted communities served, eligibility, growing service demand, and potential future staffing changes. Space needs discussed included private/confidential offices, accessible meeting space, storage for resources and loan closet items, office equipment, and a flexible “soft” conference room for supportive services such as memory screenings, caregiver support, and grief groups.
- b. **Social & Recreational:** Discussion emphasized the importance of both passive and active spaces that encourage social connection and engagement. Needs identified included flexible areas for group activities such as card clubs, coffee hours, and movies, as well as dedicated space for instructor-led classes including fitness, arts, lectures, and outdoor programs.
- c. **Health & Wellness:** Katie highlighted the need for a wellness room to support services such as blood pressure checks, acupuncture, hearing aid cleaning, foot care, and massage. A Senior Committee member also emphasized the value of preventative health and emotional wellness programming to help older adults remain active in the community.
- d. **Key themes for all 3 areas:** accessibility, spaces/equipment needs, and staffing/coordination.

5. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next meeting will be scheduled Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 8:30AM

6. **Adjournment**

Kathy Lyons motion to adjourn the meeting. Colleen McCormick second.