

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Senior Outreach Service Committee Minutes

Thursday, February 17, 2022 - 8:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Mike Flaherty called the regular meeting to order at 8:34 am in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center and via Zoom.

Members present: Colleen McCormick, Jerry Adrian, Diane Mikelbank, Barb Vander Werff, Leilani Amundson, Michael Flaherty

Members not present: Edward Wreh, Amy Johnson

Staff Present: Lori Andersen, Director, and Dawn Wallace, Nutrition Manager.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

No public appearances.

- a. *This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Senior Outreach Services Committee. Please remember this is a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom online meeting platform. Zoom meeting attendees wishing to address the board may do so using the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform. You may state your name, address, and provide your comments to the board for their consideration. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the board should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. Members of the public may speak during public appearances or during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to cassandra.suettinger@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. *Motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting.*

Motion by Member Colleen McCormick, second by Member Jerry Adrian, to Motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. *Director 2021 report and recent updates*

Lori Anderson reviewed highlights of the 2021 Annual Senior Outreach report including Case Management hours, meals served by the nutrition program, and the Stepping On program.

- b. *Dane County Aging Report 2022-2024*

Lori Andersen reviewed the Dane County Aging Report for 2022-2024. The top concerns are in-home care and the lack of workers to provide this care. Transportation for medical and non-medical appointments has also been challenging to procure. Non-medical appointments have been the hardest to fill. Other top concerns include lack of affordable housing, legal help, and lack of social activities (mainly because of Covid).

Lori Andersen provided an update of program availability as the mask mandate ends. In-person programs at the McFarland Municipal Center will re-open Monday, February 28th including in-person dining, mah jongg and Tai Chi. An update has not been received from the Strong Bodies facilitators as of yet. In-person dining will be gradually reintroduced throughout March and April in Cambridge. Senior Outreach will hold Pi(e) Day on Monday, March 14th as a takeout event. Upcoming summer programs for volunteers, Mother's Day and Father's Day will be "open air" events at area parks.

c. Update on RFP process

Director Lori Andersen and Member Mike Flaherty updated the committee on the current status of the RFP process. A RFP has been issued for consulting services and proposals have been received from several firms. Mike Flaherty suggested that it would be best if a plan were prepared ahead of time to address space considerations for a Senior Center. Members Leilani Amundson and Diane Mickelbank discussed ideas such as having space for informal gatherings of seniors, a technology room, cafe, and health room. Mike Flaherty asked the committee to consider not just space needs, but also what programming is needed (in addition to outreach).

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Member Diane Mickelbank, second by Member Colleen McCormick, to adjourn at 9:26 a.m.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Wallace
Nutrition Manager