

**CITY OF WAUPACA
SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

WAUPACA SENIOR CENTER CRAFT ROOM

8:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair, Gene Antoniewicz, Vice Chair, Roy Luellen, Secretary, Betty Stewart, Ald. Dave Peterson, Joan Bretwisch and Kim Kinner

Absent: Joanne Rasmussen

Also Present: Sara Reybrock, Senior Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Whitman, Helen Halverson and Sue Wunderlich

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Antoniewicz asked for an update regarding the kitchen project.

MOVED by Mr. Luellen, **SECONDED** by Ms. Stewart to **APPROVE** the Agenda as presented. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 21, 2020 MEETING

MOVED by Ald. Peterson **SECONDED** by Mr. Luellen to **APPROVE** the Minutes from the July 21, 2020 meeting. . 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.**

6. OPEN ISSUES:

a. Donation Fund Balance and Recently Purchased Items –

Ms. Reybrock reported the current balance is \$27,615.64 plus \$3,000.00 donation from a current member. Another member donates monthly for the kitchen project. Additional funds have come from Gift Bricks, scrip cards program and the Community Chest Grant. Ms. Reybrock reported recently purchased from the fund was the Tower Garden and equipment for Rock Steady Boxing, two heavy bags, two speed bags, challenge rope and a few pieces of equipment.

b. Current Order for COVID-19 Standards at the Senior Center –

Ms. Reybrock said the Senior Center is currently running classes, mostly in the morning and are following the 25% capacity guideline. She said Mr. Whitman is meeting weekly with the Waupaca

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County COVID-19 Committee and provides information regarding any changes. There is no toenail clinic at this time. The person providing the service is unable to come in at this time due to her work at a nursing home. She will not be able to come back until 14 days after the last COVID-19 case at the nursing home.

Mr. Whitman reported the current caseload in Waupaca County is steady and averaging approximately 45-50 cases per day. Most cases are involved in large gatherings and some long-term care units. He said things are going well in our facility at this time.

c. Accreditation Books Complete/What You Need to Know and Do –

Ms. Reybrock reported the books are complete. She has contacted WASC (Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers) to review the book and has not heard back yet. She recommended that everyone receive a book to read through as Senior Center Advisory Board members will be on the committee for the WASC review. Ms. Reybrock updated the position and added community members to the book. Ms. Reybrock briefly reviewed the rules, terms, membership and reasons for the board.

Mr. Whitman gave a brief update regarding the kitchen project in the HFH building. He reported Aaron Jensen, City Administrator will conduct a feasibility study for “Business Incubator” as a possible use of the HFH building in 2021. He said City Council would make the final decision next spring or possibly next summer.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Helen Bader Grant/Rock Steady Boxing

Ms. Reybrock told the members about the grant writer who works between the City of Waupaca, Waupaca Chamber of Commerce and the Waupaca School District and how he is helping the Waupaca Senior Center apply for the Helen Bader Foundation Grant. This grant will help with staff training and get the Rock Steady Boxing program running. She mentioned there is a possibility of combining the grant with virtual reality for seniors. The program is for people with Parkinson’s disease and helps with balance, falls, vocal control, socialization, etc. The grant deadline is December and she hopes to get the program running in 2021.

Ms. Reybrock has reached out to the PT department at ThedaCare. The grant amount is in the range of \$7,000 to \$10,000.

b. Special Events/Fundraisers 2020

Ms. Reybrock gave a brief overview of the events offered this year, mentioning the “Drive Thru Bingo” event and a fun, silly event for Thanksgiving. Fundraisers for 2020 include the scrip sales and Gift Brick sales earning a commission. The bricks will be placed under the swing area in Serenity Park.

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There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of running a raffle. Ms. Reybrock said a state raffle license would be required.

c. Senior Center Changes for 2021/Membership Age

There was general discussion regarding lowering the minimum age from 55 to 50 years old for membership to the Senior Center. Ms. Reybrock said other senior centers have already set their minimum age to 50 and up and it would increase membership. Ms. Reybrock said the Waupaca Senior Center welcomes younger members if they have a disability and are independent.

Some feedback regarding lowering the age included the possible need to offer later classes since many 50 year olds are still in the workforce.

Ald. Peterson asked if there are any changes to the by-laws before adopting the new minimum age of membership are required. Does City Council have to approve the change?

MOVED by Ms. Bretwisch **SECONDED** by Mr. Luellen to **APPROVE** to lower the Waupaca Senior Center member minimum age to 50. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.**

d. Other

Ms. Reybrock asked board members if they would be willing to have their photo taken and posted at the Waupaca Senior Center or provide a photo.

There was general discussion regarding including a phone number or certifications with the photo as optional.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Ms. Bretwisch, **SECONDED** by Ms. Stewart to **ADJOURN** the January 19, 2021 at 8:00 am Waupaca Senior Center Advisory Board Meeting. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

Sara Reybrock, Senior Coordinator
Waupaca Senior Center Advisory Board

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