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Vernon County Unit on Aging

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Vernon County Aging Committee Minutes, 8-9-2010, 12:30p.m. in the 2nd floor Conference Room at the Erlandson Office Building.

Leo Verbsky called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Those present included Leo Verbsky, Chairman, Karen Dahl, Kevin Larson, Sherman Erlandson, Pat Peterson; Director, and Nancy O'Connor; Secretary/Bookkeeper. Aging Advisory members included: Karen Mack, Peggy Pasker, Orvis Primmer and Jack Robinson.

Affirmation of public notice was given. Introductions were made. Motion by: Karen Dahl, seconded by Sherman Erlandson, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2010 Aging Committee as presented. Motion carried.

Pat gave the financial report. She shared with the committee, where we are with expenses at this time in our budget. She also explained the revisions to the budget. She gave an overview of the Voucher Summary. Motion by: Karen Dahl, seconded by Kevin Larson to approve the payment of the July vouchers. Motion carried.

In Nutrition, Pat shared with the committee the monthly report on attendance and donations at our mealsites. We are seeing a gradual increase at the Westby dining site attendance.

In Transportation, Pat reported that there is an increase in participation. She also noted in increased use of the VARC bus, suggesting that possibly another service, such as the Taxi or Verbsky Enterprises could help with the growing need in the Hillsboro area. Karen Dahl gave a report on the tour of the Genoa Fish Hatchery and fishing trip. A good time was had by all. In New Freedom, Lynda's job is to seek opportunities for an array of public transportation. One upcoming opportunity is the needs assessment being done by the City of Prairie du Chien on a regular public bus service between Prairie du Chien and La Crosse. A public hearing on August 18 will be held at both Prairie du Chien and Viroqua to discuss need, routes and times. Pat shared how the schedule of the Express 33 works, and some examples of uses for that service.

Pat gave a two month Elderly Benefit report, showing the kinds of issues this position helps people with. The addition of \$2500.00 from SHIP, will give Shelley full time status until the end of 2010.

There were no public comments.

In new business, Pat gave an overview of the 2011 budget, with a planned 20% increase in health insurance, an increase in the Wisconsin Retirement System rate, and an increase in wages, we have an overall 1% increase in our budget. Committee and Advisory Committee members provided feedback and suggestions. Motion by: Sherman Erlandson, seconded by Karen Dahl, for Pat to submit the 2011 budget to the finance committee, with additional notes, and possible sources of additional income. Motion carried.

Motion by Karen Dahl, seconded by Kevin Larson, to send the 85.21 Transportation Grant resolution to the County Board for approval. Signatures from committee members supporting this were gathered. The resolution will be presented to the Human Services Committee for support prior to presentation to County Board.

Pat shared with the committees the requests from the current caterers on their meal costs for 2011. Motion by: Karen Dahl, seconded by Kevin Larson to table any decisions until the September 13, 2010 meeting.

An invitation to the Seniors of Distinction Banquet on September 12, 2010 was extended to all committee members. Our current fair building is in need of some repair. Kevin Larson, as a Fair Board member, shared the possibility of the relocated commercial building to be available for future Senior Building use. There is a need for fundraising to have a cement floor added. Support for this was shared and Kevin agreed to present a request to the Resource Committee for possible funding of flooring as this meets the criteria of benefitting public use.

In advocacy, Marianne Miller and Barbara Green attended the C-Wag Convention in Green Bay. Pat shared with our committee some issues with the Erlandson building, such as basement flooding, air conditioning, and air quality.

The next Unit on Aging Meeting will be September 13, at 12:30p.m. at the 2nd floor conference room in the Erlandson Building.

Motion by: Sherman Erlandson, seconded by Karen Dahl to adjourn. Motion carried.

Pat Peterson, Director

Leo Verbsky, President

PP/LV/no

