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Vernon County Unit on Aging

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The Vernon County Unit on Aging Committee met on 11-18-2013 at the Erlandson Building in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room.

Kevin Larson called the meeting to order at 1:00 a.m. Additional members present included: Gary Thompson, Francis Hynek, Mary Bringe; Advisory member Peggy Pasker; Village of La Farge Board Member/Mealsite Manager, Delores Sandmire; Guests Dan Meyer, Vernon Manor Administrator; Michelle Murphy RD, Director of the Nutrition Services for Vernon Manor; Kelly Potts,;Vernon County Board members, Ole Yttri and Chairman Herb Cornell; and the Vernon County Corporate Council, Greg Lunde; along with Pat Peterson, Director and Laura Groom, Office Assistant. Affirmation of public notice was given.

Kevin Larson asked for a motion to move the order of the meeting to accommodate those who were interested in making Public Comments, and those interested in the Catering for 2014. Mary Bringe made the motion and Francis seconded. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

Public Comments: Francis Hynek thanked all the supporters of LaFarge who were present. There were comments made by Pat Peterson, Delores Sandmire, Francis Hynek, and Peggy Pasker regarding the decision to cater instead of onsite cooking in La Farge in 2014. At the time the motion was made to end cooking in LaFarge Francis Hynek voted against it. The Senior Center wants the cooking to continue. Francis Hynek felt that there were 1978 County Board minutes addressing a commitment to support the Senior Center. Pat provided a copy of some 1978 minutes that had been reviewed by Greg Lunde. Mr. Lunde feels that there are no ongoing responsibilities. Peggy Pasker reported that the Senior Center wants to charge for the County to use the Site in order to cover their operating costs. There was discussion on the wonderful sense of community in La Farge and Pat Peterson shared her continuing support of the Senior Center. She also shared that with Committee approval she has enough funds available to return the Organic Valley grant monies received to support 2013 expenses that the Senior Center may be able to use for maintenance and upkeep, as she had unexpected increase in State Funding for 2013.

Choose the 2014 Caterers: Pat presented the committee with bids made by interested caterers for 2014. Motion was made by Francis Hynek and seconded by Gary Thomson to approve the sites where we have one bidder, the sites are as follows: Coon Valley (Stockyard), De Soto (Bright Spot), Hillsboro (St.Joseph), Ontario (the Milk Jug), Readstown (Tazzees) and Westby(Borgens). All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion was made to discuss the Viroqua and LaFarge Meal Bids by Francis and Gary seconded it. The bid summary was reviewed and discussed. Kevin Larson then asked for a motion to approve Vernon Manor as the Viroqua Caterer for 2014 the motion was made by Gary Thompson and seconded by Mary Bringe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion was made by Gary Thompson to approve Vernon Manor as the 2014 Caterer for La Farge. Mary Bringe seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kevin Larson requested a motion to return the order of the original agenda. Motion was made by Gary and seconded by Mary. Motion Passed.

Motion by: Mary Bringe seconded by Gary Thompson, to approve the October Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Pat shared an overview of all of our accounts. We are on track with amount spent in all areas. Vouchers for October were discussed. Motion by: Mary Bringe, seconded by Gary Thompson to approve the October vouchers. Motion passed.

Nutrition- Laura gave the Nutrition Report. She shared the amount of donations for the sites and Home delivered meals for October. There was Regional Meal site Manager Training held on November 14, 2013 in La Crosse that our staff participated in. Laura shared some of the training highlights and report that so far our staff had very positive survey responses.

Mini Bus/ Volunteer Driver- Pat shared the reports for the last month.

Elder Benefit Specialist-Pat gave the report for EBS. Shelley has returned to work. Tommie Jo Tollackson had her last day last week. Medicare Part-D season is off to a good start and our program is serving a large number of seniors.

NEW BUSINESS

All Staff and Committee Training: It was agreed that the annual meeting will be held at the Sheriff's Office (if available) on December 16, 2013. The meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. followed by training and refreshments.

Computer Needs: Pat shared the need to replace a computer in our department and add a second screen to three computers.

Advocacy- Gary Thompson shared that his gleaning operation has connected with Second Harvest Food Bank and they have been able to distribute 9,800 lbs. of food state wide.

Our next meeting will be held on December 16, 2013 at 1:00 pm at the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by: Francis Hynek, seconded by Gary Thompson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Pat Peterson, Director

Kevin Larson, Co-Chairman
