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Vernon County Unit on Aging

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The Vernon County Unit on Aging Committee met on 1-15-2015 at the Erlandson Building.

Jim Servais and Mary Bringe were unable to attend. Lorn Goede made the motion to have Adrian Amelse chair this meeting. Gail Muller gave us the second and the motion passed. Adrian Amelse called the meeting to order at 1:40 a.m. Additional members present included: Lorn Geode and Gail Muller. Guest was County Board Member, Dennis Brault. Also present were: Pat Peterson, Director, and Laura Groom, Nutrition Program Manager.

Affirmation of public notice was given.

Review and Approval of previous Meeting: Motion made by Lorn Goede and seconded by Gail Muller to accept the Minutes from the 12-15-2014 meeting. Motion passed.

Financial Report: Pat presented the vouchers for December for discussion. Motion by: Gail Muller, seconded by Lorn Goede to approve paying the December vouchers. Motion passed. Pat shared the 2014 financial update. Pat also gave the committee an orientation to the funding behind the Caregiver Program.

Programmatic:

Nutrition - Laura shared the December report and answered questions. There was some discussion on trends and lack of donations.

Mini Bus/ Volunteer Driver - Pat shared the transportation reports for December. The committee wants to see some ideas on increasing the ridership on our Mini Bus.

Elder Benefit Specialist -Pat gave the EBS monthly report. Pat shared that we have been awarded the Helen Bader Grant for \$15,000. These funds are to make Shelley Matson's position at full time for 2015.

Public Comments: There were no Public Comments.

Volunteer Engagement: Pat shared the report on the AmeriCorps program. Shaynan Holen has been updating the Volunteer Driver Hand Book and visiting our mealsites to develop a site specific daily operations guide. Pat asked to service opportunities where Shaynan can gain the needed hours to complete requirement for AmeriCorps educational credit since our offices are open 37.5 hr/wk and she needs an average of 39 hr/wk.

Update on Staffing: Jean Miller is retiring on January 14, 2015 and we were able to hire Roxanne Felde as a replacement for Jean. In La Farge, Delores Sandmire has retired as of the end of the year. Our new Mealsite Manager is Amy Herken.

Advocacy: Adrian Amelse shared that he had been active in the County's Cost saving initiative. A brainstorming activity lead to a list of ideas to consider. No decisions have been made to date. Lorn Goede has been actively promoting the mealsites and the volunteer opportunities in the county.

Announcements: AARP tax appointments are now available.

Our next meeting will be held on February 16, 2015 at 1:30 pm at the Erlandson Building

Gail Muller made the motion to close our meeting and the motion was seconded by Lorn Goede. Motion Passed.

Pat Peterson, Director

Jim Servais, Chairman
