

Area 10 Council on Aging of Monroe and Owen Counties, Inc.
Minutes of the September 26, 2013 Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
At the Area 10 Agency on Aging Conference Room

Attending:

Mary Boutain, Allison Carroll, Marsha Keith, Nancy Lorenz, Marcia Popp, J.L. Siefers, Gary Sweatman, Robert Togasaki, Kerry Conway and Julie Decker.

Call to Order:

Marsha Keith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was noted that Carle Crawford was on vacation and Doug Johnson was in China.

Council & Public Comments:

None

Council Minutes:

J.L. motioned to approve the minutes of the July meeting. The motion was seconded by Nancy and passed by the council.

Executive Director's Report:

Development & Fundraising

Allison handed out copies of the development report. We are into the new fiscal year and July and August figures were included, with a breakdown of revenues. She reported that the Senior Salute had 17 sponsors, with 13 of the 17 being first-time contributors. \$1,300 of the donations was used to cover the catering and printing.

Allison reported that donation envelopes had been inserted into the newsletter. Thirteen have been returned with \$600.

We have been approved to participate in the Matchstick program with the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County. We will be responsible for raising \$6,700 and the Foundation will match with \$3,300, for a total of \$10,000. Full board participation is expected for this project. A progress chart will be made. The program runs from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.

A planned giving society, The Limestone Legacy Society, is being developed. There have been commitments from three board members at this time.

Audit

Kerry reported that we are looking for a new accounting firm. Three auditors were interviewed, and one was selected. The report for the fiscal year ending June 30 will be completed by December 31. This report can be used as a planning tool, and will support the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will consist of the Executive Committee plus additional members. Carle will serve as chair. Last year's yearend report was distributed. The report showed that expenditures were over by \$2,867. Most of this overage was in contract services and depreciation. It was noted that depreciation is a paper write off, and when added back in, the total would not be a negative number.

Mobility Management

Area 10 has been working with Barbara Salisbury to develop a voucher program for public transportation for persons with disabilities. \$10,000 is available for vouchers. The program will be contracted with local cab companies. One half of the fare will be paid by the rider. Mobilizing Owen County will have a presence at the Owen County Health Fair on October 18.

Abilities Unlimited

Abilities Unlimited has been decertified and will be closed. We received 54 referrals from them last year. They provided services that no one else provides. We will do what we can to continue to serve their clients. They have been asked to join our Advisory Council. The United Way is working to get money to build a storage shed for us to store their mobility devices and other supplies (wheelchairs, walkers, grab bars, toilet transfers). There will be a transition team to help with the transfer, and the United Way will be the funding stream.

Area 10: Students for Seniors

This is a group of students from IU that will be helping Area 10. They held their first meeting on September 25, and 17 people were present. They will be doing a food drive in October. Holly McLauchlin will be working with the group.

Budget Challenges

The impact on Title II funds for 2013-2014 is still in question. 2014 may be cut by up to 25%. Medicaid needs assessments are being reimbursed at \$150 each, with an average time requirement of one to two hours. Money has to be billed in a different way than it was before. There are cuts in Title III assistance to the home-bound for services not tied to a client – food pantry, REPAIRS team. We are still paying our bills and providing services.

Endwright Center

The budget for the Endwright Center was completed on September 25. The Center has begun charging for classes, and an annual membership fee will be charged starting January 1. The fee will be \$25.

Patterson Pointe Grand Opening

The grand opening for Patterson Pointe will be held on October 17 from 10:00 to noon. Invitations have been sent. Kerry reported that 15 people have moved into the apartments.

Recent Events

The Owen County Health Fair will be held on October 18.

Senior Games – Were a success, but there will be some changes made next year.

Senior Salute – Went well. There was a capacity crowd. No major changes will need to be made for next year.

Safe at Home – Seven homes were worked on by 60 volunteers.

Grants

Home Instead Senior Care Foundation – We have received a grant for \$5,500

Owen County Foundation – We have received a grant for \$7,500 as matching money for a new bus.

Smithville Foundation – We are still waiting to hear if we have received a grant.

Hartstrait Road Property

The property has been appraised at \$77,000. An offer had been received for less than the appraised value. Nancy made a motion that we do not accept that offer and that Kerry share the appraisal with him and make a counteroffer for the full amount with split closing costs. Gary seconded, and the motion passed.

Advisory Council

The Advisory Council will meet on November 6 at 5:30. Names are still being collected for potential members.

Owen County Annual Meeting

An annual meeting for Area 10 will be held at the Gosport Lodge on December 3. The use of the building has been donated by the owner. The meeting will be held in the early evening with Marsha, Nancy and Gary hosting. Attendees will be asked to bring a Santa gift or a food pantry item.

Rotary Meeting

Susie had shared information on the nutrition program at the last Rotary meeting in Bloomington

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 31 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.