



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Commission on Aging

Patricia Wikenhauser, Chair
Gloria Dohearty, Mary Kay Flynn, Shirley Laux,
Diane Langford, Minerva Roman de Gibilian, & John Zentgraf

Monday, November 25, 2024

3:45 PM

Senior Center
7001 W. National Ave.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wikenhauser at 3:45pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Present 7 - David Rymaszewski, Patricia Wikenhauser, John Zentgraf, Shirley Laux, Mary Kay Flynn, Diane Langford, Gloria Dohearty

Excused 1 - Minerva Roman de Gibilian

Others present: Alderperson Ray Turner, Bob Leischow, Ashley Palen, Shannon Byrne, Sharon Roy

C. REFLECTION

Commissioner Rymaszewski's reflection "To bring about change, you must not be afraid to take the first step. We only fail when we fail to try." Rosa Parks

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[24-0669](#) Commission on Aging Minutes 10-28-24

Attachments: [Commission on Aging Minutes 10-28-24](#)

Commissioner Dohearty moved to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2024, Commission on Aging meeting. Commissioner Rymaszewski seconded, motion carried.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

F. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

[24-0670](#) Jenny Kosek, Director of Marketing & Engagement, presents on a proposed 2025 marketing plan for the Senior Center

Ms. Kosek presented a detailed power point presentation describing a few branding choices for the Senior Center. The Commissioners decided to have a special meeting on December 12, 2024 at 2:00 to discuss the proposed marketing plan.

[24-0671](#) Presentation of the Commission on Aging Trust Account Sub-Committee's brainstorm ideas

Ms. Byrne shared the ideas from the meeting including: new front lobby flooring

and seating, more events ie. Free hot cocoa on Wednesdays, She will put together bullet points for next meeting.

[24-0672](#)

Presentation of Senior Center’s special event calendar for 2025

Ms. Byrne informed of the events scheduled for the upcoming year.

[24-0673](#)

Discussion of materials in new Commission on Aging Manual, as time allows

Not enough time, will update when time available.

G. ERAS SENIOR NETWORK

Ms. Harris informed of the needs for their Holiday Giving program, donations needed were stamps and other household items. Ms. Harris is resigning. This is her final meeting.

H. STAFF REPORT

Social Isolation and Loneliness grant is ending in February. Events are well received. Age Friendly Surveys are due December 1st. Melinda Myers presentation was well attended. AA meetings to begin on December 5th. Christmas cookie baking is progressing.

I. CELEBRATION OF DAVID RYMASZEWSKI'S RETIREMENT FROM THE COMMISSION ON AGING

Thanked Dave for being a supportive Commissioner for 9 years. He is appreciated for his time and dedication to the Commission on Aging.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm with the next scheduled meeting to be held on January 27, 2025 at 3:45 pm.



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