



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, David Rymaszewski & John Zentgraf

Monday, September 23, 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 6 - David Rymaszewski, Patricia Wikenhauser, Shirley Laux, Mary Kay Flynn, Minerva Roman de Gibilian, Diane Langford

Excused 2 - John Zentgraf, Gloria Dohearty

Others present: Ashley Palen, Shannon Byrne, Sharon Roy, Alderperson Ray Turner, District 1

C. REFLECTION

Commissioner Flynn's reflection: "What we do matters and what we don't do matters"

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Flynn moved to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2024, Commission on Aging meeting. Commissioner Rymaszewski seconded, motion carried

[24-0557](#) Commission on Aging Minutes 8-26-2024

Attachments: [Commission on Aging Minutes 8 - 26-24](#)

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

F. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

[24-0560](#) Overview of Budget

Ashley Palen presented and answered questions regarding the budget overview handout.

[24-0561](#) Membership Statistics Presentation

Shannon Byrne presented and answered questions regarding the power point presentation.

[24-0562](#) Preparation for annual Volunteer Party and Holiday Party

Discussed the annual parties

[24-0563](#) Request of up to \$300 for a Veteran’s Commemoration Lunch on Friday, November 8

A motion was made by Commissioner Rymaszewski to budget \$300 for the Veteran’s luncheon. Commissioner Roman de Gibilian seconded, motion carried.

[24-0565](#) Proposal to change Fiber Arts classes from a \$7/\$5 per class fee structure to a \$40 per quarter fee structure

Discussion ensued regarding the fees. Continue with current fee structure.

[24-0564](#) Discussion of materials in new Commission on Aging Manual

Table to October’s meeting.

G. ERAS SENIOR NETWORK UPDATE

No update supplied.

H. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Byrne supplied information regarding the successful Falls Free Fair sponsored by Milwaukee County held in the lower level. Other updates include the parking lot reconstruction, Open House on Friday has been combined with the Health Fair on October 18. New classes include: square dancing, cardio drumming, poetry & presence, and the Lifebrary podcast listening parties. Ms. Byrne and Ms. Roy attended the Milwaukee County Aging Summit which discussed Community issues.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm with the next scheduled meeting to be held on October 28th, 2024 at 3:45 pm.



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