

**City of Marshfield Committee on Aging
Wyndham Senior Villas
Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the Committee on Aging was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chair Mike Feirer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Feirer, Becky Huebner-Leu, Patty Ruder, Jean Doty, Dave Marsh, and Elsie Anderson

ABSENT: Kathy Dieck

OTHERS: Judy Carlson, Connie Jacobson, Jennifer Cummings, Janet Southworth, Kelly Cassidy and a seven Wyndham Senior Villas residents/citizens

MINUTES: Motion made by Doty and seconded by Marsh to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: A woman had a concern about the cab service. The cab she called and boarded drove her all over the city and didn’t take her directly to her destination. She was alarmed that she didn’t know where she was half the time and perhaps wouldn’t even be taken to the location she wanted to go to. Connie Jacobson explained the cab service is a “shared ride service”. That means the cab will pick up other riders when called rather than picking individuals one at a time and taking them to their destination. It was noted that seniors could get a card from the Mayor’s office in order to get reduced fees for cab services.

Additionally, transportation is available through the Wood County to take those eligible to other appointments by calling one day in advance with a fee of \$1.50 each way between the hours of 8:30 and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The busses are lift-equipped. Persons who want to use this service should call one day in advance at 715-389-0230 to schedule transportation. Free transportation continues to be provided to Senior Housing facility residents to go shopping at Pick & Save and Festival Foods (these two stores pay the \$1.50 fee it cost to transport residents each way

Members of the committee introduced themselves.

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN UPDATE: Jennifer Cummings reminded those 60 years and older there is a lunch served Monday – Friday at Parkview and Cedar Rail. There is a suggested donation of \$3.40, but any contribution is accepted. Additional services that ADRC provides were presented and discussed.

FORUM 55+: Judy Carlson explained anyone may join Forum 55+, a program sponsored by Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital to provide social and educational activities for person aged 55 and over. The cost is one life-time fee of \$10.00.

LIBRARY & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT UPDATE: A "Viva Las Vegas – Elvis Lives" fundraiser is scheduled for April 26. Cost is \$25 which covers a southern-style dinner, entertainment by Garry Wesley a world-renown Elvis Impersonator and silent auction. Tickets are available at MACCI and the Library.

Fundraising is currently being conducted for the project with nearly \$1 million raised so far. The plan is to raise a total of \$4 million with the City contributing another \$3 million. Groundbreaking for the new Library is tentatively set for 2015. The current library will eventually be converted to a Community Center at which time current senior citizens' activities will move to the Community Center. The current Senior Community Center will not be demolished until the Community Center is renovated. Plans are to relocate the Aging and Disability Resource Center – Central Wisconsin from Peach Street to the Community Center as well.

HEALTH FAIR UPDATE: This year's health fair will again be held at the Jr. Fair Building at the fairgrounds on Friday, October 3. A variety of vendors with services related to senior activities/needs and flu shots in addition to other health checks will be available. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. and refreshments will be served. Free transportation will be available from most senior housing facilities. Possible topics for speaker(s) for next year's event include advance directives & estate planning, memory loss and funeral trusts. Becky will arrange having the speaker filmed. Door prize distribution went well. Need to address the sound speaker system. Dave Marsh will look into this. Other committee responsibilities remain the same as last year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Medical Transportation Management update was given by Connie Jacobson.

NEW BUSINESS: AARP-assisted free tax preparation is being done at the United Way office at 106 W 1st St. (entrance is in back of the police department) this year. Volunteers will help file Homestead, Federal and State tax preparation for persons with \$50,000 income or less. Appointments are scheduled between 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Call 715-384-9992 for an appointment.

FUTURE MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be held at the Wildwood Regency Apartments, 1624 S. Roddis Ave. on Thursday, April 3 at 9:30 a.m. (Note: Becky Huebner-Leu will contact all future locations to confirm dates.)

Motion to adjourn at 10:55 made by Marsh, seconded by Huebner-Leu. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Doty
(for Amy Krogman)