## City of Marshfield Committee on Aging Council Chambers Meeting Minutes October 1, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Committee on Aging was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mike Feirer at the Marshfield City Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Feirer, John See, Pat Forman, Becky Huebner-Leu, Jean Doty; Gerri Steinwagner and Marvin Spletter

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** Judy Carlson, Kelly Cassidy, Jamie Bretzel, Alderperson Tom Buttke and two Cedar Rail residents. [Liz Welter from the News-Herald joined the meeting for a brief period.]

**MINUTES:** There was a motion by John See and seconded by Becky Huebner-Leu to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2009. Discussion followed.

The issues with regard to citizen's concerns about Cedar Rail and Parkview that were discussed at the September meeting will be postponed due to the legal investigation that is now being conducted. Also, the documents that were to be requested from the Community Development Authority (CDA) will be requested at a later date. The Marshfield Police Department is assisting the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the investigation. As part of its mission, the Committee on Aging will continue to follow this investigation and encourages citizens to attend its monthly meetings to voice their opinions and concerns.

Minutes from September 3, 2009 were approved.

#### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

• The citizen's present commented the reason they were there was to get an update as to "what was going on" and left the meeting after hearing the above discussion..

### **OLD BUSINESS**:

Judy Carlson reported that the 23 individuals attended "Car Care" (the car is checked out) and 20 took part in "Car Fit" (safety factors for drivers are checked). Unfortunately, no students from Sr. High or Mid-State were able to attend, but three Gross Motor technicians and other employees did a great job in making the event a huge success. Plans are already in the making to schedule another "Car Care/Fit" possibly in spring. It was noted this event was scheduled the same weekend as Maple Fall Fest. Perhaps attendance would have been better if Car Care was on a different day.

#### AGING AND DISABLITY RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE:

Jamie Bretzel - no report.

Mike Feirer commented that the merger between Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon and Wood counties was recently approved by all board(s) of directors so there will be a four-county consortium in the near future.

Flu shots were discussed. The Marshfield Clinic cancelled some of its flu shot clinics due to a shortage of the vaccine. As a result, they also cancelled attending Senior Health/Information Day on October 23. Mike offered to contact the County to see if they could attend the fair and give flu shots. As far as the H1N1 flu shot, Mike indicated the County has a plan for distribution, beginning with school-age children getting vaccinated first

#### SENIOR HEALTH/INFORMATION FAIR:

- Kelly Cassidy said several other vendors have been added, including: United
  Way and the Volunteer Center, ReMax Realty—Sharon Helwig, Marshfield
  Police Department—collect out-dated medications, Hancock Fabrics—promotion
  of classes offered, ADRC—home improvement, etc., and American Home
  Patient. Suggestions for additional vendors, including YMCA, Marshfield
  Recreation Dept., advance directives, wills, credit freeze, etc., were made.
- Kelly will look into the possibility of providing transportation at various pick-up points in Marshfield for seniors interested in attending the fair; e.g., Parkview, Cedar Rail, Norris Manor, Upham Village, Wyndham Senior Villas, etc. She will pick up a P.A. system from the Chamber and create a vendor list for attendees. Posters have been sent out and posted around town. Announcements have been made in the "Kitchen Table" and "Fan Fare" publications.
- Food & Refreshments plan for 175 people for sandwiches, purchase six dozen mini-muffins, variety of juice, fresh fruit and coffee. Mike will take care of the sandwiches and ordering the muffins. Kelly will get the juice, fresh fruit and coffee (coffee pots will be borrowed from the Senior Community Center). "Chef Todd" from the Golden Living Center will provide an oriental salad.
- Door Prizes several vendors will be providing door prizes. Tickets will be offered at each entrance to Wildwood Station to be staffed by John See and Alderman Tom Buttke
- Set-up Kelly will check to see if Wildwood Station can be set-up the day before the event. If that is not possible, set-up will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Marvin Spletter thanked the Knights of Columbus for donated a 100-cup stainless steel coffee maker to the Senior Center. He also thanked John See for donating a box of playing cards to the Center.
- Jean Doty asked if there was a charge if a senior resident called "911" in the event they had fallen in their home/apartment and could not get up without assistance. Discussion followed. Marvin noted that two fire fighters from the Marshfield Fire Department were going to speak at the October 9th brunch at the Senior Center and he would ask them this question. Mike Feirer will also follow-up and report back to the committee at the next meeting.
- Alderman Buttke reminded members that residents should continue to use the CDA board or this Committee as a "sounding board" for concerns they have. If residents at Cedar Rail and/or Parkview would like to form an "apartment association" they could seek help from him or Alderman Feirer to do so.
- Becky noted that she had visited briefly with Liz Welter when she left the
  meeting, telling her that two residents had been in attendance, but left after
  finding out the information the Committee had requested had been put on hold
  until the outcome of the investigation is complete. Liz told Becky that the CDA
  board had hired legal council to represent them.

# FUTURE MEETING DATE: (NOTE: quorum is needed at all meetings to discuss/approve actions.)

• November 5, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall – Room #108 has been reserved for all future Committee on Aging meetings.

Motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. made by John See and seconded by Pat Forman.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Doty Committee on Aging Secretary