

LAKE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

November 18, 2019

Members Present: Ruth Purkat, Agnes Fabian, Janet Petty, Christine Londos

Members Absent: Shirley Hoffacker

Others Present: Judy Mayne, Loretta Barela, Cheri Hahn

Quorum established and meeting called to order by Ruth Purkat at 10:00a.m.

Agenda was approved and noted that minutes of August 2019 were approved electronically.

Old business:

Senior Fair/Open House – Was postponed due to not enough time to prepare. Consensus was that since it will take more time to prepare, September 2020 would be an ideal time to have the Fair as it would coincide with the time frame of flu shots which we plan to include.

New business:

1. During public comments, Cheri Hahn expressed her concern (and on behalf of others) regarding the function of the Aging Well Coordinator position and salary. Cheri also expressed a wish for the hours of the Center be increased, and the Coordinator should be present more. Discussion indicated that those concerned are not fully aware of the Coordinator's job description and the duties/responsibilities involved. Christine would like to interview Judy about her job in a future newsletter article. Judy stated that she will work to increase her time at the Center and noted that her primary office is at Public Health. Judy also discussed selecting one day a week to extend hours for a 'Coffee Cafe' where folks can hang out for the day. A volunteer will likely be needed to spearhead this effort. Another concern was discussed of an assistant cook position that is still needed, and this would be a 12 hour a week position. Judy stated that Colleen has worked hard at trying to get this approved by the BOCC but the BOCC has requested that all departments stay at the current staffing levels. Council members decided to pursue a meeting with the BOCC to further discuss the need for a part time assistant cook.
2. Ruth gave an update on Area Agency on Aging: the caregiver budget has been decreased federally so there is now a wait list for services. The Meals on Wheels program has also experienced a cut, but it is not impacting the Nutrition Program in Lake County at this time. Since 2005, the suggested donation for meals has been \$2, but with increased administrative costs it is now \$3.
3. Colleen Nielsen was not present to give an update on the County budget, but Judy reported that the budget does not include increases to the budget for additional positions.
4. Potluck survey results were disappointing as only 22 responded. At this time, the potluck will continue, and an additional brunch will be added. Also, a shopping trip to Silverthorne will be added. There is a desire to increase knowledge of shopping opportunities at Mt. Massive Manor.

5. Senior Center Open House was discussed and agreed that we will try to collaborate with the Chamber's Business after Hours. Judy will coordinate with the Chamber to schedule this in the near future.

Ruth Purkat moved to adjourn and Agnes Fabian seconded the motion at 12 noon.

Next meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2020