

**MINUTES
COMMISSION ON AGING COMMITTEE**

March 24, 2015

Members present: John Ainsworth, Richard Ferfecki,
Rosetta Stern, Tom Brunner,
Marianne Phalen and Frank Wozniak

Members excused: Tom Grover, Jessica Delzer

Members absent: Dr. Tom Thomas

Others present: Lynnae Zahringer, Pam Anderson,
Jamie Perez, Meg Tauchen

Location & Time: Department of Human Services
Fellman Center
607 E. Elizabeth Street, Shawano, WI 54166
9:00 a.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by Frank Wozniak at 9:02 a.m. It was noted that the meeting notices were properly posted. Frank Wozniak led us in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. A motion was made by Rosetta Stern to approve the January 27, 2015 Committee minutes. Richard Ferfecki seconded the motion. All aye, motion carried.
3. Public Comments: None.
4. A motion was made by John Ainsworth to deviate from the order of the agenda, if necessary. Tom Brunner seconded the motion. All aye, motion carried.
5. Benefit Specialist Report on program updates and events.

Pam Anderson will be holding three low income subsidy clinics in the month of April to assist Shawano County residents in filling out this application. Social Security has a paper application available if someone doesn't have access to a computer.

Pam has been holding "Medicare" bingo at the meal sites. This game has helped residents learn more about Medicare terms and benefits offered.

This is Pam's final meeting as Benefit Specialist with Shawano County, as she will be retiring in April. Lynnae Zahringer thanked Pam for her contributions to Shawano County and praised her for her many years of service to the residents of Shawano County. Frank Wozniak also thanked Pam, told her she will be missed greatly, and wished her well in her retirement.

6. Nutrition Report

a. Nutrition Statistics

Lynnae distributed statistics on home delivered and congregate meals for 2014, as well as the first two months of 2015. Discussion followed. She indicated we should see a decrease in meals as the weather gets nicer and people are getting out of their homes and doing more. Then an increase should begin in the fall when the weather gets colder.

b. Living Treasures

- Select Sub-committee for reviewing applications and selecting final five recipients.

Lynnae asked for five volunteers to serve on the sub-committee to select the final five recipients of this year's awards. Rosetta Stern, Frank Wozniak and Lynnae volunteered and will be asking Tom Grover and Dr. Tom Thomas to serve on this committee as well.

c. Older American's Month is May "Get into the Act"

A resolution will be brought before the County Board in April to proclaim May as Older American's Month.

d. Approval of Nutrition Council reappointment and new council members.

A motion was made by Rosetta Stern to approve the reappointment of Ray Kennig and the new appointments of Verna Emmel and George Larzelere as council members chosen at the Nutrition Council Meeting held on March 10, 2015. John Ainsworth seconded the motion. All aye, motion carried.

e. Approval of Nutrition Council By-Law change.

The Nutrition Council approved the removal of the "three, two year-term" as previously stated in the Nutrition Council By-Laws, and the addition of the "four, two-year term" to be included in the By-Laws. A motion was made by Tom Brunner to approve the change to the Nutrition Council By-Laws as stated. Richard Ferfecki seconded the motion. All aye, motion carried.

7. Transportation Report

a. Driver Escort/Transportation Report

Meg Tauchen, Driver Escort Program Coordinator, reported that in January and February volunteer drivers logged a total of 55 roundtrips, with 4,736 miles and 192 hours.

b. Menominee Tribal Transit Report

Jamie Perez from Menominee Tribal Transit distributed ridership statistics for January and February with discussion following.

8. Aging Unit Director Report

a. GWAAR (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources) Updates.

Lynnae distributed to all members present a map that shows a significant increase in the percentage of population age 60+ from 2015 to 2025.

Lynnae also distributed a hand-out from GWAAR containing information about the Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin (week of April 13-17, 2015). GWAAR is asking that aging services providers take time to go over the procedures needed when severe weather strikes to ensure that staff and participants are prepared.

b. Advocacy Updates and Events

Lynnae distributed to all members present information from the Governor's Budget 2015-2017 summarizing the proposed changes related to aging and disability programs. The possible elimination of IRIS and Lakeland Care District in 2017 was discussed, and the concern that the elderly population wouldn't receive the services that they greatly need.

c. 2014 Aging Unit Self-Assessment approval letter from State
Lynnae Zahringer distributed a copy of the approval letter from the State regarding the 2014 Aging Unit Self-Assessment to all members present.

d. Reappointment of COA members

Discussion followed on the reappointment of Tom Grover, John Ainsworth and Tom Brunner as Commission on Aging members. A motion was made by Richard Ferfecki to approve the reappointment of the above members. Rosetta Stern seconded the motion. All aye, motion carried.

e. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15, 2015, and upcoming activities.

Judy Laude was recognized by the State for the great job she did last year on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Due to the success last year, similar activities are being planned for this year.

9. District Representatives and AARP Reports

Western: Frank Wozniak passed around some information he obtained from other counties while attending a meeting in Madison.

Eastern: Tom Brunner has nothing to report.

Central: Tom Grover was not present at meeting.

AARP: Marianne Phalen

Marianne was unable to attend the last AARP board meeting. Action taken at the meeting included electing new officers and board of directors. The proceeds received from a bake sale will be used for two \$500 scholarships. It was decided to include home schooled students and adults who may choose to return to school in the scholarship process.

Member at Large: Dr. Tom Thomas was not present at meeting.

10. Per Diem Approval
Richard Ferfecki made a motion, seconded by John Ainsworth to approve the per diem for this meeting, as well as the per diem for the Nutrition Council Meeting held on March 10, 2015. All aye, motion carried.
11. Next Meeting Date
The next meeting date will be May 19, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lundmark Room at the Fellman Center. The Living Treasures ceremony will follow the meeting.
12. Adjournment
Rosetta Stern moved to adjourn the meeting and Richard Ferfecki seconded the motion. All aye, motion carried.

Approved by:

Richard Ferfecki, Secretary
Shawano County Commission on Aging

Date

Recording Secretary: Meg Tauchen, Office Assistant