

BENZIE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Annual Meeting
December, 16,2015

Chair Beverly Holbrook called the meeting to order at 4:42pm Bob gave the Prayer of Invocation; the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Roll Call: Present: Beverly Holbrook, Bob McQuilken, Ron Dykstra, Rosemary Russell, Jane Elizerman, Donna Malecki, Ann Dawe, Sylvia Bennett, Denise Favreau, and Neil Haugen. Also present are Dawn S. Sabra, Doug, Mary Dykstra, Heidi Gustine AAA, Roger Griner, and Frank Walterhouse Commissioners.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of was given by Donna with Denise supported by Denise. All ayes, motion carried to approve the previous minutes.

Public Input-public suggestion box is empty and no public members are present at this time.

Nomination and Election of Officers for 2016/2017

- Beverly was nominated and reelected as Chair,
- Ron was nominated and reelected as Vice Chair,
- Jane was nominated and reelected as treasurer, and
- Rosemary was nominated and elected as Secretary.

All ayes have it and current positions are for 2 years.

Agenda

- Add under new business we want to add E Benzie home health care and how they are to work with us.
- Motion to approve the changed agenda was made by Denise seconded by Jane. Ayes being heard motion approved.

Minutes

- A motion to accept last months minutes was made by Donna and supported by Denise, all ayes have it and the minutes were accepted as written.

Finance Committee

Jane reviewed the minutes from the finance committee. A copy of the narrative was given to the board for review. We are currently at 17% of our annual budget. It was noted that our revenues were up by 3.4% mostly due to volunteer in kind hours and our expenses were down by 4%. Overall for the month of November we ended with a surplus of 7,724.00. A motion to accept the financial report was given by Jane and seconded by Sylvia. All ayes being heard, motion was carried and approved.

Public Input-

- No public input
- Public input box is empty.

Information Items

A. Directors Report: November and December

- Delta Dental grant was approved for 4,000. This grant will be for increased outreaching and education components.
- Safety Checks from Jeff revealed that 50% did not have smoke detectors red cross has placed 21 and 5 more will be coming at no charge. We will access not only do they have stoves, furnaces or ovens we will now look at are they functional. We will be developing a new safety assessment in the future to look at all areas of safety.
- Doug's report was given. He told us that resumed his monthly trips to Lansing for input and support within the Michigan Senior Advocate Council. This last meeting focus was related to the Revenue Decoupling and its effects on our Senior population.
- Kudos were sent out to Ron Dykstra and Bob McQuilken, for their help with obtaining gifts from our six local churches, to Dawn B for her shopping efforts, BCCOA staff with putting the gift bags together for delivery to our home delivered clients as well as the clients of Benzie Home Health Care. And finally kudos to the kitchen staff for baking 200+ cookies for the Village of Thompsonville's Christmas Party.
- Doug reports that he continues to work with Benzie County HSC, MMC, as well as other community planning committees to ensure that the seniors of Benzie County have a voice. He presented the 2015 annual report to the County Commission on Aging, he took part in the Munson Medical Center Community Health Needs Assessment Community conversation, and he attended the Benzie County Master Plan, Housing Plan and focus group.
- Doug is currently in the process of writing a grant to the Benzie community chest for Benzie County senior essential needs funds.
- Doug Reported that all of our Vans now have snow tires on them and that the all season tires will be swapped out in the spring.

B. Heidi Gristine, AAA

- Advocate for seniors over 10 counties
Keeping folks at home, independent and healthy.
- Review of our strengths/ Needs and Wants.

C. Program Report for November 2015

- Nutritional Programming
 - HDM (Home Delivered Meals) has an increase of 38% since last year
 - Congregate Meals has a 34% increase since last year

- Other Services
 - We are continuing to see double digits in all areas! We usually we see a decrease during this time of year due to the “snowbirds” but not so much this year.
 - The MMAPS program has saved our seniors in region 5 a total of 1.54 million dollars this year alone.
- Township report: Dawn is continuing to monitoring the data base and percentage of seniors we are reaching per township. Close monitoring of township began October 1 and we are already seeing some interesting things. 182 people in our surrounding townships were seen this month for MMAPS.

D. Senior Center Updates:

- BUSY, BUSY, BUSY! Dawn's report was received and our seniors continue to be very busy. The activities are well attended, there were 13 core group activities, a trip to Branson, fall cheer, flu shots, and Thanksgiving. Whew, what little time to spare. Looking ahead to the upcoming holiday schedule it is anticipated that they will be even busier.

E. County Commissioner, Roger Griner

- “Yellow Pages!!! Yellow Pages!!! Yellow Pages!!!!!!You are not in the Yellow Pages!!! Please put add in the Yellow Pages as soon as possible! So everyone can know how to gain access to “To the best kept secret in the county.” “The Gathering Place for great senior programming.”
- Interviewing for a Veterans Liaison some good candidates have applied.
- In agreement that the area of Honor would be a great place for further senior developments and potential senior housing. Maples Hopefully opening in January. Waiting list of 30-40 for admission to the new building. Still working on the waver.
- Benzie County Health Department has new clinic open now for under insured or non insured individuals in our area. Physicians, Dental, and Mental Health.

Action Items

- A. Motion to approve 2016 Meeting Dates made by Jane and seconded by Denise.
- B. Board Resolution to support a 3,000 grant through Benzie County Community Chest.
Motion to support made by Donna Seconded by Jane.

New Business

- A. Veterans Affairs report submitted
 - Benzie County Council on Aging is honored to serve the many Veterans and/ or their dependents
 - 257 veterans that received at least one service

- with a total value of \$277,180. provided in 2015
- B. Fiscal Year Report submitted
- 800,000 meals served.

C. Committee Appointment Tabled

- Policy/ bi-law committee,
- Personnel/ planning,
- fund development and
- finances committees

D. End of Year appeal letter was sent out.

E. Benzie Home Health Care

- Looking at working with Rotary Charity for money to assist with collaboration between both agencies.
- BCCOA and BHHC
- Executive board members or representatives from both entities to work together for future collaboration.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Fund Development

- Sip and Dab
- meal sponsorship
- March for Meals
- Ride A long
- Senior Expo

B. Update from BCCOA and BHHC committee meeting.

Meetings are continuing as scheduled and board members and/or representatives from both entities are working together on future collaboration.

ROUND TABLE

Deferred due to holiday party.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at at 6:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Russell, RN, Secretary

Next Meeting
January 20th 2016
4:30pm
The Gathering Place
Honor, Michigan 49640