

**Age-Friendly Community Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 10, 2023**  
**5:30 p.m.**

- I. Attendees: , Frank Pippin, Diana Pippin, Cindy Larrabee, Diane Vincent, Belinda Gerry, Bill and Tina Eugley, Bob Cavanaugh, Ben Weisner, Dana Morrell, Larry Pelletier & Chuckie  
Special Guests: Renee Bucknell and Dawna LaBonte
- II. Meeting Opened at 5:30 p.m with the review of Minutes from the September 12, 2023 meeting. Motion by Frank Pippin to accept. Second by Larry Pelletier. All in favor.
- III. Clothing Give-Away – Held on 10/7 was very successful. A lot of work on the 6<sup>th</sup>, with bringing everything to the library. Over 230 people were in attendance to get clothing. What was left went to Frank’s church to give to others, and 12 boxes went to Bill Reed from Calvary Baptist Church. We need more children’s clothes
- IV. Balloon Festival Report – We took in close to \$3,000.00, which is half of what we took in in 2022. We only had one good day.
- V. Potato Give-Away – Leroy talked with the city manager, and he will see if Glen Holmes will commit \$3,000.00 for the purchase of potatoes for this fall. If so, Age-Friendly will pay the same amount. The potatoes will only be given away at the senior Center. Leroy said we could also go to the council to get some ARPA money.
- VI. Veterans Bean Supper – Frank asked for \$200.00 from Age0Friendly to support the supper, which would include \$5.00 per meal. The event will be held in New Gloucester. Motion by Diane Vincent to approve the \$200.00. Second by Larry Pelletier. All in favor.
- VII. Hello-Ween – Volunteers are needed for Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, to give out candy. Frank and Diana Pippin have already volunteered. Mamie made a motion to give \$200.00 for candy. Second by Larry Pelletier. All in favor. It was stated that we should ask local dentists to donate or buy back candy. Larry and Bob volunteered also. United New Auburn Association is buying paint, etc., for face painting.
- VIII. Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day Events – Thanksgiving dinner will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 Noon at the Senior Center. There is no official cost, but we are asking for a minimum \$5.00 donation for those who can afford it. People need to call in to register so we can have a count. Volunteers are needed for the 22<sup>nd</sup> to get veggies ready.
- IX. New Year’s Day will include a ball drop from New York’s Time Square and a luncheon of finger rolls, pickles, chips, dessert and a beverage.  
Recreation Department’s Responsibilities: Leroy introduced Dawna LaBonte, Director of the Auburn Recreation Department and Renee Bucknell, Recreation Specialist/Age-Friendly Representative. Dawna stated that she and staff went through our list of responsibilities for Age-Friendly. She would like to adjust the Lunch & Learns with movies: October 17<sup>th</sup>, Movie at 1:00 “Practical Magic”. Dawna will get theatre popcorn and will be available to start the movie. She will also get a financial report for us. The November movie will be “An Old Fashioned

Thanksgiving”. December movie will be “Christmas Vacation”. There will be no Lunch & Learns till January.

- X. Open Session – Thanksgiving Food Drive is being done. Drop off non-perishable items at the Senior Center by November 17<sup>th</sup>. They will be taken to Hope Haven Gospel Mission. Belinda expressed that she likes the food drive, but doesn't like the fact that the decision was made without the board's input. She asked if we could split what comes in with the PAL Center. If we have a huge amount, Leroy said he would see what comes in. Motion by Diane Vincent to donate to Hope Haven. Second by Larry Pelletier. 13 for and 1 against.

Leroy wants to ask St. Michael's church if we can do the next clothing give-away there. We may be able to bring clothing there in advance. Homeless people know where the church is and are more familiar with that location.

- XI. Motion to adjourn by Larry Pelletier. Second by Belinda Gerry. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Biron  
Secretary