

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2019
5:30 p.m.

I. ATTENDEES: Leroy Walker, Jan Biron, Sally Gagnon, Frank Pippin, Belinda Gerry, Larry Pelletier, Ruth Strachle Katie Boss, Cindy Larrabee, Diane Vincent, Alfreda Fournier, Tina Gilbert, Dana Morrell, Annette Lausier, Mamie Ney and Phil Crowell, special guest

Leroy opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Leroy passed out correspondence from Sabrina Best relative to having another movie night in the turf facility.

The agenda was distributed.

II. Introductions

III. Balloon Festival Update - Leroy

- The Balloon Festival was a good success. Leroy is proud of the work that was done. We sold about \$3,000.00 of product. That will net us somewhere around \$1,000.00. Leroy still has a bill to submit to the city for the Age-Friendly shirts that were worn. Unfortunately, the weather didn't allow any balloons to go up. The money will be deposited into an Age-Friendly account.
- Leroy gave a summary of the Box Car Movie Night. All the boxes were used. There were many compliments on the movie. International Paper Co. donated all the boxes and said that if we want to do it again, he would like to help again. At the next movie, the popcorn will be sold rather than given away. Proceeds will go into the Age-Friendly account.
- It was suggested that financial reports be given monthly or quarterly. Jamie can print out the reports.

IV. Senior Center Update – Phil Crowell

- Phil Crowell gave an update on the Senior Center. Construction is moving right along. We have a target date. All the sprinklers and electrical is being done. Suspended ceiling work is being done. A decision was made to keep the Edward Little maroon color throughout the building. Plumbing will be installed within the next week or two. The kitchen is still under repair. Costs are all coming in 20 to 22% higher than expected.
- The purple bus will be including Pettengill Park in their regular bus route! There will be a dedicated bus that will go to the station and will come directly to Pettengill Park – Every hour, starting at about 8:30 a.m. and continuing until about 4:30 p.m.

V. Special Guest – Phil Crowell

- Maine Wisdom Summit – people need to register. Last summit was called “Blueprint for Action”. Phil and the city manager went to a conference recently and Age-Friendly issues were addressed. There will be a new work station in the new center that will be available to schedule events. There was a presentation about how to schedule things like taking people to appointments, activities, etc.
- A policy is being put together for the new senior bus. There will be training in the near future for anyone who wants to drive the bus.

VI. Walkability Study

- There is a walkability study going on now. This is going to be a comprehensive study. They are focusing on looking at the maps and deciding what the issues are.

VII. Public Session

- Ruth Straehle complimented Jamie as being a great representative of the recreation department for the senior trips.
- Tina Gilbert feels that the group is working together and moving forward. Life Springs, Inc. was a company that came to one of our meetings. They have their own program in Poland, but they are very interested in helping other groups.
- Frank is going to go to the newspaper and find out what he has to do to get our information out through the paper. Leroy asked him to keep us informed as to what he is doing.
- Phil Crowell stated that \$10,000.00 was allocated for food insecurity. This will be taken up at the next city council meeting.
- Wheelchair Charging Stations: Leroy would like to ask the city manager if we can have the city electrician install a wheelchair charging station at the bus station in Great Falls. Phil Crowell stated that as K-Mart is closing, he would like to check with them to see if we could get some of their charging stations. Leroy asked for a motion. Belinda made a motion for a letter to be sent to the city manager regarding the installation of a wheelchair charging station at the Great Falls bus station. Seconded by Alfreda Fournier. All in favor.

VIII. Review of Minutes of August 6, 2019 Meeting

- Motion to accept the minutes by Cindy Larrabee and seconded by Diane Vincent. All in favor.

IX. Adjournment –Jan made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mamie Ney.
Adjournment 6:41 p.m. Next meeting: October 1, 2019. 5:30 p.m. Hasty
Community Center.