

Age-Friendly Community Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2026

- I. Attendance: Leroy Walker, Jan Biron, Frank and Diana Pippin, Kryston Chapman, Tina and Bill Eugley, Stan Harmon, Rachel Robbins, Donna Wallace, Bob Cavanagh, Jen Boenig, Sara Therriault and Dana Morrell
Absent: Belinda Gerry, Sally Gagnon, Cindy Larrabee and Diane Vincent
- II. Meeting opened at 5:35 p.m. with the review of the August 11, 2026 minutes. Motion by Frank Pippin to approve. Second by Dana Morrell. All in favor.
- III. Today's movie, "The Help" was well attended and well-liked. Approximately 28 people attended. Pizza was served for lunch and popcorn was served for the movie. Jen Boenig got the movie started by using a borrowed projector, so we could watch it on the big screen.
- IV. Library videos – May have to appoint someone other than Ben Weisner to work with Donna to get this program going. Jen Boenig offered to work with Donna for the start-up.
- V. Events/Activities - September 24th - Breakfast at The Station and apple picking at Ricker Orchard in Turner. Need sign-ups for the trip to go.
- VI. Songo River Queen Trip summary – We had a full bus. The weather was rainy at first, but it cleared. We will do it again next year. Lunch of Italian sandwiches, chips, water and home-made cookies (by Jan) were given to each attendee. Everyone had a great time. One of our attendees got to drive the boat and was quite excited. She wants to come on some future trips.
- VII. Hygiene Kits were put together. There were about 200 bags full of hygiene items. Ed Burgess will distribute them to soldiers and homeless. Frank thanked everyone for helping.
- VIII. Breakfast and apple-picking items were discussed earlier in the meeting. See Item V. above for details.
- IX. Hello-Ween – 200 to 600 people are expected. The event will be held on Halloween day at Anniversary Park in New Auburn from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Leroy Walker asked the committee to donate \$200.00 for the purchase of candy to be given out on that day. Motion by Frank to donate. Second by Stan Harmon. All in favor.
- X. Suggestion to hold a bean luncheon on October 17, 2026 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the senior center. People must register in advance. Need a flyer and sign-up sheet. Menu: beans, hot dogs, coleslaw, bread, dessert and beverage. Cost per person: \$10.00. People can register via the online portal. Need volunteers to serve. Motion by Frank Pippin to have the luncheon. Second by Kryston Chapman. All in favor.
- XI. Clothing Give-Away – Set-up on November 14th after 2:00 p.m., with the event to be held on Sunday, November 15th, 2026 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at 121 Mill Street in New Auburn. Volunteers are needed.
- XII. Thanksgiving Day – November 26, 2026 – We will have the same menu. We will need volunteers to serve. Donations will be accepted. We will also need volunteers to make desserts. Rolly's will supply the turkey, vegetables and stuffing. The Station will provide the potatoes and gravy.

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XIII. Open Session

- A. Jen Boenig's daughter is a doctorate level student for Occupational Therapy at USM, and she would like to partner with Age-Friendly to demonstrate through an assistive technologies class to be held at the senior center, on a semi-regular basis, to learn more about people's challenges, i.e. driving, living at home, etc. Leroy would like to have one or two of the students come in to see when the groups would be available to come in for the meeting. Jan suggested having the meetings on the second Tuesday during the Lunch & Learn timeframe.
- B. Leroy asked Jen to have Liz Allen find our survey for Age-Friendly from 5 years ago. He wants to look at it again.
- C. Jen had no finance report, but will bring one next month.
- D. Stan commented that a lot of people started to count on hot dogs for dinner at the concerts, and that they were very appreciative that we were there with treats for them.
- E. Library
- Annual meeting Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:15 p.m. Project Support. Financial reports and a summary of the past year.
 - Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Annual Block Party with games, vendors, raffle of baskets donation by staff and trustees.
 - Fall program – Speaker series on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 - Book Group – 18 have signed up at the senior Center.
- F. Frank thanked the board for the donation to the veteran's breakfast. The next one will be held from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. on October 4th. There will be no charge for veterans or seniors.

XIV. Adjournment at 6:36 p.m. on a motion by Frank Pippin. Second by Stan Harmon. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Biron, Secretary