

COUNCIL ON AGING

Liz Smith called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm on February 23, 2015. Dodie Rennfield and her assistant Brandi Schwab were present along with board members John Skibsrud, Joyce Martin and Liz Smith. Commissioner Dan Sager was also present.

The January minutes were read. John made the motion to approve the minutes as read, Joyce seconded, motion passed.

Dodie presented the January financials. Joyce made the motion to approve the financial report, John seconded, motion passed.

Director's Report

Transportation: 361 rides in January, 5 out of town medical (1 to Missoula, 4 to Butte).

There was an incident where the bus door glass was shattered. Scott Howard to check camera aimed near where the bus is parked. Conflicting opinions on what caused it. Conn Coughlin not able to replace tempered glass. R & C put in temporary acrylic until tempered glass could be ordered.

TAC meeting February 12th. Had 12 attendees, including people from MDOT and MTA. The TAC approved the Coordination Plan, agreed to divide cost of out of town transportation among the #'s per ride, reviewed financial portion of grant, MOU's and letters of support. Good discussion.

Reviewed financial portion of grant: operating expenses, admin expenses (mostly in-kind), and match needed. Joyce moved to accept the grant, John seconded. Motion passed.

Homemaker: 13 participants, 41 visits.

Health Services: 13 participants, 27 visits, 71 screenings for blood pressures (18 individuals)

Contract with hospital for health services seems to be going well.

Loan Closet: 6 used the closet in January

Community Caregiver: 8 participants. Speaker Jeri Payne, new home visiting nurse from DLMC.

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Commodities: 52 participants. Noted that more individuals have needed their commodities delivered. Scott is so far able to keep up and is willing.

Senior Companion: 2 companions, serving a total of 8 clients, with two more due to start upon their return from AZ.

Senior Center: 1042 Congregate meals in January, 721 delivered, no January financials as yet. Have begun a "Be Safe" program through MSU. Center received computer/ projector, screen and printer. 3 nursing professors speaking at the center monthly for 4 months on health and nutrition issues.

Old Business: VITA program going well, 14 returns thus far in February.

Levy: had considered pursuing a mill levy for Council on Aging additional funding. Some concern re other levies already being pursued, and putting additional burden on the community. Some debate whether city or county levy. Board agreed to table the idea for now.

New Business: Liz had asked about board officer positions and when they were to be reviewed. Dodie consulted the by-laws which said elections were to be held annually, in February. It was decided to table the elections until all board members present (next meeting). Current recommendations are: Liz Smith-Chairman, John Skibsrud-ViceChairman, Cheryl Sandquist-Secretary, Claudia Dippold-Financial Officer, and Joyce Martin-Public Relations Officer.

Date of next meeting: March 23, 2015.

Liz Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.