



# MARINETTE COUNTY ELDERLY SERVICES

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## MINUTES - Committee on Aging Board Meeting – February 8, 2017 Peshtigo Senior Center, Peshtigo, WI 54157

1. Open Session – Meeting called to order by Vice Chairperson, Ron Meyers. Roll Call – PRESENT: Donna Compton, Sarah Gospodarek, Joan Rocque, Don Phillips, Gilbert Engel and Rosie Nowak. ALSO PRESENT: Director Pam Mueller Johnson, Elder Benefit Specialist Jamie Dudek and Office Coordinator Shelly Menger.
2. MOTION by Gospodarek, second by Nowak to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.
3. MOTION by Compton, second by Engel to approve COA Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2016. Motion Carried.
4. Vice Chairperson Ron Meyers welcomed the two new board members; Joan Rocque and Don Phillips. Everyone, including board members and staff introduced themselves. MOTION by Nowak, second by Engel to make Donna Compton the new Chairperson. Motion Carried. MOTION by Gospodarek, second by Compton for Ron Meyers to continue to be the Vice-Chair. Motion Carried. MOTION by Engel, second by Gospodarek for Rosie Nowak to be Secretary/Treasurer. Motion Carried. Director Mueller Johnson stated that we will put the rest of the committee appointments on the next agenda.
5. Business Fundraiser: Director Mueller Johnson explained how the Annual Business Fundraiser works. She stated that about 200 Businesses receive donation letters for support with meal site rent in their area. We then advertise their businesses on our Menus, Facebook and our Website.
6. Elder Benefit Specialist Report- Jamie Dudek: Jamie explained how Senior Care works and said that it has been approved by the Governor to be renewed through December 31, 2018. She shared how she's been working with Newcap and Habitat for Humanity on a program to help with the cost of ramps for people. The cost of a ramp can be very expensive and they expect a wait list of people in need of them. She recently applied for a grant through the M&M Foundation and she should be hearing about it in March. Jamie has also been working with The Dementia Friendly Coalition, on a new project to help businesses become Dementia Friendly. There was discussion on how this would work. On June 13<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>, of 2017, there will be Caregiver Stress Classes with the Alzheimer's Association, held at the new Crivitz Senior Center. Jamie also shared some of the different topics that she has planned for upcoming Helping Hands Networking Group meetings, that are held in Crivitz, monthly. There was discussion on AFCSP and FCSP money and how these programs can help families that caregive.
7. Open House/Cash Raffle-June 9<sup>th</sup>: Director Mueller Johnson shared that the Open House for the new Senior Café and Center/office, is planned for June 9<sup>th</sup>. We will hold our annual cash raffle that day, during the open house. Invitations will be sent out and we are hoping to have a brat fry also. We will start advertising soon.
8. Directors Report:
  - a. Staff Updates: We are in the process of interviewing for the Niagara Assistant Cook position. There is a Marinette Driver position open also, will start interviewing for that too.
  - b. Building Updates: Pam explained how we came about purchasing the new building and the process of planning. We are hoping to be in the remodeled office side by the end of the month, as it's been delayed just a bit. There was discussion on how the Meal Site and Senior Center will be set up. We've been hearing



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good things in the community and how excited they are getting for a new Senior Center. Posters and 'Lend a Hand' cards were passed out for board members to drop off at local establishments, in an effort to increase awareness and encourage donations.

- c. Senior Expo: There is a Senior Expo coming up in May, at the Pine Tree Mall in Marinette. We've been invited to have staff there to help promote our services. It's scheduled to be May 20 & May 21.
  - d. Love Letter Campaign: School Children and groups are once again making valentines for the elderly. They will be delivered with their HDM meals.
  - e. Correspondence: Pam shared a very supportive letter that we received from The United Way, acknowledging the good that our agency does for the elderly. There was discussion on how we've always been a non-profit and have had to strive to raise extra funds. The annual golf outing fundraiser is scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
  - f. Committee Reports: NAC meeting is coming up next week.
9. COA Future Meeting – March 8th, 2017 at MCES Office, in Crivitz.
10. MOTION by Meyers, second by Gospodarek to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Menger for  
Donna Compton, Secretary.