

# Fallon County Council on Aging

Regular Meeting – May 3, 2011 (Rescheduled From April 26, 2011) – Baker Senior Center

The May meeting of Fallon County Council on Aging was called to order by president, Betty Mueller. Five members were present. Those present were Betty Mueller, Maurice Tunby, Jeanette Dye, Rose Straub, and Esther Wetzel. Also present was Carla Brown, Council on Aging Coordinator.

A motion was made by Jeanette Dye, seconded by Esther Wetzel, to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting as written. Motion carried.

## ACTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM LEAD AGENCY . . .

The 2011 Operating Assistance grant application was submitted on March 1, 2011. As of this date a grant receipt acknowledgement has not been received.

A discussion was held regarding developing a comprehensive bus policy. The policy needs to address liability responsibility if injuries were obtained while utilizing the transportation system; guidelines for transporting a nursing home or personal care home resident; weather related operating guidelines; number of passengers required when taking out-of-town trips; and various other items. Committee members will be Maurice Tunby, Judy Gunderson and Alice Kay Schweigert. Carla will contact these individuals when she is ready to schedule a meeting.

The Dodge Sprinter is currently not running as there is a problem with the restraint system. The nearest authorized dealer is in Rapid City, SD, so the vehicle will be taken there for repair.

## OLD BUSINESS

The Council on Aging By-Laws was reviewed. The by-laws were last updated in October of 1987. A change will be made in Article II, Membership, Item E which currently states "The Council shall meet twelve (12) times per year." This item will now read, "The Council shall meet bi-monthly on even numbered months." In Article V, Account And Monetary Controls the words "Persons handling funds will be bonded" shall be removed. A change will be made to Article VI, Vacancies, Item C which currently states "The County Council on Aging will submit a slate of prospective members to the County Commissioners, but the County Commissioners are not necessarily bound to select from this slate." This item will now read, "The County Council on Aging will solicit prospective members through appropriate avenues. Prospective members are required to submit a formal application to the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners are free to accept or reject any or all applications." Carla will make the suggested changes and the By-Laws will be brought back to the next meeting for final approval.

An informational article, entitled *Find Friends, Fitness and Fun At The Senior Center*, intended to promote usage of the Baker Senior Center was published in a recent issue of the Fallon County Times.

Carla gave a short report on the Daniel O'Donnell video event that was held at the Baker Senior Center on April 12. Only six individuals came to watch the video. Carla also shared that there would be two different "meetings with lunch" at the Baker Senior Center during the week of May 9. One meeting would be on Prescription Drug Abuse/Consumer Protection by the Montana Attorney General's office with lunch provided by Council on Aging/RSVP. The second meeting would be a Community Outreach Event sponsored by AEMT. AEMT will provide lunch for that meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

As advertised, meal bids for the upcoming fiscal year were opened. The only bid received was from Fallon Medical Complex. Their bid was \$7.25 per meal, which is a price increase of \$.50 per meal. Betty Mueller moved, Jeanette Dye seconded a motion that the bid be accepted. Motion carried. (As a quorum was not physically present, Carla was instructed to contact an additional board member via the telephone to obtain their vote.)

A discussion was held concerning increasing donation requests. Currently COA requests \$3.75 per congregate or home delivered meal; \$2 per hour of skilled nursing care; \$3 per hour of homemaker services; and \$1 per round-trip bus ride. Carla stressed that no one is denied a service because of an unwillingness or inability to pay the requested donation. After some discussion Maurice Tunby made a motion that we raise the suggested donation of congregate meals to \$4.00 per meal. Jeanette Dye seconded. Motion carried. This change will become effective July 1. The remaining donation requests will remain at their current level.

It is time to renew the legal contract. Each year we budget \$500 for legal services. Jeanette Dye made a motion that we again offer the legal contract to the Culver & Begley Law Firm, seconded by Rose Straub. Motion carried.

Carla noted that it is time for the budget to be written for the upcoming fiscal year.

The annual Governor's Conference on Aging has been moved from the spring to the fall. Our area's conference will be held in Billings on October 3 and 4.

The monthly activity reports were reviewed.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

We discussed ways to solicit individuals who might be willing to provide medical transportation to those in need. It was decided to put an advertisement on Channel 3.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program was reviewed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

-s-BETTY MUELLER  
Betty Mueller, President

-s-ROSE STRAUB  
Rose Straub, Secretary

NEXT MEETING – JUNE 28, 2011 – BAKER SENIOR CENTER

HOSTESS – JUDY GUNDERSON