

FALLON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

Regular Meeting - August 25, 2009 - Baker Senior Center

President Jerry Townsend called the meeting to order. Those present at the meeting were Bea Barkley, Jeanette Dye, Mel Rabe and Betty Mueller. Also present were Carla Brown, COA Coordinator, Pat Madler, RSVP Director and Sheila Keller, Program Specialist.

Motion was made by Jeanette Dye, seconded by Bea Barkley, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

ACTING AS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM LEAD AGENCY

A discussion was held on the Dodge Sprinter that we will be receiving. The 15-passenger vehicle will have two seats in the cab area of the vehicle with a bus-style passenger door and wheelchair lift located directly behind the cab area. The vehicle will be white with a choice of two colors for the major and minor stripes. The consensus of the group was to select orange and navy blue for the stripes. The State is also asking for information regarding what lettering we would like to be placed on the vehicle. We can select up to 70 letters. Carla said that she may solicit names for the bus in the next newsletter. A motion was made by Jeanette Dye, seconded by Mel Rabe, that the Transportation Committee should make the final decisions regarding colors and lettering. Motion carried.

An advertisement will be placed in the Fallon County Times for a substitute driver. The potential employee must be 18 years of age, have a current driver's license and pass a criminal background check. A CDL is not required because of the size of the vehicles that are driven. We discussed having a requirement that drivers have to participate in first aid training class.

Carla has been working on an approximately 80-page Transportation Compliance Desk Review. When completed someone from the State will review it and make recommendations on areas that need improvement.

All of the transportation program's safety sensitive employees are required to undergo drug and alcohol testing on a random basis. Carla has been having difficulty obtaining the results of the drug and alcohol tests released to her so that she can complete the required quarterly Drug and Alcohol reports. She will continue to work on this.

Carla will be attending the Fall Transit Management Workshop in Billings on October 27 and 28.

Placing their duties as the Transportation Program Lead Agency aside, board members continued with our regular Council on Aging meeting as follows . . .

OLD BUSINESS

Russell Culver has agreed to continue as the contracted attorney for Council on Aging's legal services program. Each year \$500 is budgeted to provide legal services to needy individuals. Of this amount \$425 is federal money and \$75 is the required county match.

There are currently two vacancies on the Council on Aging Board of Directors. Due to board vacancies, Jeanette Dye is the only member remaining on the Nominating Committee. It will be necessary to appoint additional members to serve on this committee. Carla will call Alice Kay Schweigert to see if she will be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Motion was made by Bea Barkley, seconded by Jeanette Dye, to postpone the annual election of officers and to retain the existing slate until a later date. Motion carried.

The Medora bus trip was successful in spite of the show being cancelled a few minutes early, due to inclement weather. En route to Medora, the group toured the Beaver Creek Brewery in Wibaux and enjoyed homemade root beer floats.

The annual tax forms, prepared by Jerry Townsend, were signed by Acting Secretary Betty Mueller.

Because of the training that Carla will be attending in Billings on October 27 and 28, board members decided to reschedule the next regular meeting. Therefore it will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

Starting in September the Baker Senior Center will enjoy Wii Wednesdays twice a month. These will be scheduled on the weeks that the bus does not travel out of town.

The annual Fall Kick Off will be scheduled for sometime in September.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sheila Keller and Carla discussed some of the upcoming changes in Medicare Part D. The open enrollment period will begin on November 15.

Carla will be attending the Ship/I&A Recertification on September 30 and October 1 in Billings.

Motion was made by Bea Barkley, seconded by Mel Rabe, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

-s-JERRY TOWNSEND
Jerry Townsend, President

-s-BETTY MUELLER
Betty Mueller, Acting Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE NOVEMBER 3, 2009 – BAKER SENIOR CENTER