

Fallon County Council on Aging

Regular Meeting – February 26, 2019 - Baker Senior Center

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The February meeting of Fallon County Council on Aging was called to order by president, Betty Mueller. Nine members were present: Betty Mueller, Rose Straub, Nikki Verke, Robert Boggs, Maurice Tunby, Lyle Neary, Susan Newell, Ruby Bruce and LaVerne Schell. Also present were Carla Brown, Council on Aging Coordinator and Angel Wyrwas, Council on Aging Assistant.

Due to various scheduling conflicts we have not had a board meeting since June of 2018. Upon discussion of the June minutes, no additions or corrections were noted, therefore the minutes stand approved as mailed.

ACTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM LEAD AGENCY . . .

A final review of the MDT Transit 5311 Operating Grant for FY2020 was accomplished. Carla stated that the grant is due March 1, 2019. As we had discussed during the previous year's grant process we are seeking a replacement for our 2004 Chevrolet vehicle through the MDT Transit Rural Public Providers Capital Grant process as well.

Nikki Verke made a motion to approve the FY2020 Coordination Plan. Ruby Bruce seconded. Motion carried.

The Preventive Maintenance Plan, Program Complaint Procedures, and the Nondiscrimination Policy Statement & Complaint Procedures were presented for review. Carla stated that these documents did not need to be submitted with the FY 2020 grant, but needed to be on file in the office and readily accessible for review if so requested by the MDT, FTA or State Auditors.

Setting aside their duties as the Transportation Program Lead Agency . . .

OLD BUSINESS

A discussion was held regarding the various staffing changes and additions that have taken place since our last board meeting. Tiffany Davis left her position in October of 2018 and her position was filled in February by Angel Wyrwas. Tiffany continues to serve as an intermittent bus driver. An additional intermittent bus driver, Greg Gunderson, was hired in February. Heather Havens was hired as a part-time homemaker.

At our previous meeting Carla had stated that she planned to be gone from the office for various trainings. Her plans changed and she only attended the annual SHIP/I&A Recertification in Billings and the mandatory WebGrants Training in Helena.

NEW BUSINESS

Carla stated that the office computers are in the process of being replaced. Angel's computer has already been replaced and Carla's will be replaced sometime in the near future. Fallon County's IT Technician is also assisting with other technology issues within the building.

A public notice soliciting bids for the provision of congregate and home delivered meals for the upcoming fiscal year will be published in the Fallon County Times during the month of April. An in-depth discussion was held regarding the meal programs.

The monthly activity logs for June, July, August, September, October, November, and December of 2018, as well as January of 2019, were reviewed. An item noted during this review was that in many months the meals on wheels program usage was as high as, or higher than, the congregate meal program usage. Board members present felt that the lack of variety in meals is causing the drop in usage at the congregate meal site.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Carla spoke briefly about the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. She encouraged board members to "advertise" the program as they go about their daily activities.

We also discussed the Community Cupboard and the lack of adequate space to store donated items. Reynold's Market disposed of some shelving material recently that the Community Cupboard now has in its possession. Plans are underway to purchase supports and set up these shelves in the back room to help organize items more efficiently. The future opportunity to replace the portion of the building where the Community Cupboard is located was discussed as well.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

-s-BETTY MUELLER
Betty Mueller, President

-s-ANGEL WYRWAS
Tiffany Davis, Acting Secretary

NEXT MEETING: April 23, 2019, Baker Senior Center, 2:00 p.m.

Hostess: Robert Boggs