

Milford Aging Services Commission

City of Milford, NE

March 16, 2021

The Open Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pat Grimes at 3:58 PM.

Roll Call: The following board members present: Amy Salistean, Mike Moritz, Ron Oswald, Diane Kemper, Pat Grimes. Others attending the Open Meeting were: Mayor Patrick Kelley, Councilwoman Becky Freeman, Susan Trabert, Elma Lambert, Sharon Bender, Sandy Shaw, Doretta Schweitzer, and Seward County Aging Program Manager Kathy Ruzicka.

The Open Meeting Act Requirement was met.

Minutes from the February 23, 2021 meeting were available and a motion made by Ron/Mike was approved—minutes approved as written.

Amy gave the Manager's Report regarding the Meals delivered: 2455 meals to date. A short discussion followed and concluded by the Mayor Kelley asking if there is documentation regarding meals delivered within the city compared to meals delivered out of the city limits. At this time no such documentation. Amy also explained the following items: The Aging Partners Grant which purchased five Aspire laptops, the Legacy Grant which covered COVID costs and has \$3,787.60 remaining, The Aging Partners reimbursement for cleaning supplies which has not been received at this point, the addition of new exercise classes with instructors ready, and the use of a City truck to deliver meals as the Center's shuttle is need of repairs.

A motion to approve the Manager's Report was made by Ron/Mike and motion carried.

Amy briefly addressed the 2019-2020 City of Milford Financial Audit which has been completed and presented fairly, including requested information from the Senior Center. Then, she explained in detail the Budget Report pointing out the Senior Center has spent 41.6% of our Fiscal Budget—right where we should be or better!

A motion to approve the Financial/Budget reports was made by Mike/Ron and the motion carried.

Amy provided to all present two articles regarding COVID updates from Four Corners Health Department and CDC Guidelines. Neither article made recommendations or proposals pertaining to Senior Centers.

Amy distributed a "Proposed Reopening" Plan. She reiterated that SUNRISE is still in quarantine and would not give any indication as to "when" they would be back honoring their current contract which comes due 1 August 2021. Chairperson Pat Grimes opened discussion of reopening the Senior Center to all present. First to speak on the subject of reopening was Susan Trabert who questioned "why" can't the Senior Center open up for Coffee Hour. Social distancing, sanitation, and timing were all addressed concluding "social hours" with social distancing and bring your own beverage would be much more appropriate at this time and still satisfy the sense of gathering with friends. Another major point—volunteers needed to reopen to help Amy while she is still preparing and delivering meals. Volunteers could help with sanitation of exercise equipment, help with assisting others using the facility, and to be available while Amy grocery shops on Mondays: just a few of

possibilities of volunteer duties. It was highly suggested that we promote this need for volunteers through church bulletins, list volunteers needed in Monthly Newsletter, and word of mouth. A wide array of other subjects were addressed from “which” organized activity should re-start first to asking individuals to take responsibility for their leaving their activity area clean and ready for the next member to use.

The Mayor comments throughout the above discussion:

1. “This building should be open!”
2. “People want this open!”
3. “Numbers” are down.
4. Most “seniors” are vaccinated.
5. How do we do this (reopen) and make people comfortable with it?
6. Masking is an individual issue—won’t mandate.
7. Everyone sanitize their own space.
8. Amy must have time for her lunch.
9. I will find out when SUNRISE will get back to their contract.

Diane/Mike made the following motion: Beginning 1 April 2021 the Senior Center will be opened as follows:

8-10 AM Social Hour and Exercise Room open

9:30-10:30 AM Organized Activity

1:30-3:30 PM Exercise Room Open

Services: Foot Care Clinic, Blood Pressure, etc. will be scheduled in advance; Sign up required.

During the discussion of above motion, Mayor Kelley, questioned and suggested: “Why not open, Monday, March 22, 2021? and, Susan Trabert said she would be available Monday, the 22nd to cover for Amy while she shops for groceries. Therefore, motion revised to read: Beginning 22 March 2021 the Senior Center will be reopened. Revised motion carried.

The issue of the Senior Center vehicle ('97 Chrysler LHS) was last item but not least—a motion to fix the vehicle and funds to be taken from Budget Line Item: Vehicle REP/GAS/INS. was made by Mike/Ron. Motion carried.

Ron/Diane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Diane F. Kemper