

Senior Center Board of the City of Milford, NE

October 17, 2023

The Open Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Marian Eicher at 4 p.m. with a quorum of Board Members present Marian Eicher, Mary Wiese, Linda Nelson, Diane Kemper, and Mike Moritz. Senior Center Manager Mystii Lauer, present. City Council Liaison Kelli Kieb, present.

Also in attendance: Patricia Brown, Tony Brown, Sharon Bender, Arlene Moritz, Larry TeSelle, and Susan Trabert.

Manager's Report Mystii presented. See the attached report for specific information. Motion to approve by Diane/Linda. Approved.

Diane Kemper and Tom Smith would like to donate the turkey and ham for the December 18 Christmas Dinner. People can sign up to bring side dishes. The deadline to sign up is December 11. Email to get volunteers.

Financial Report Motion to approve by Mary/Diane. Approved.

Old Business

- a. City Council approved funds for shelving. The rooms that had been occupied by Seward County Aging Service are now being used as a multi-purpose room and a storage room. The storage room across the hall from the kitchen has now been furnished with wire shelving units to store food-related items so they're no longer stored in the janitor closet with the chemicals. More wire shelving is being used in the multi-purpose room, and the room next to the coffee bar. Organizing is in progress.
- b. City Council approved adjusting the current terms of some board members so the end of their terms end in January and new terms are served for two years starting and ending in January. If a board member is replaced before the end of their term, the replacement will serve out that term and if they want to continue for a second term, they may.

New Business

Discussion on changing the monthly potato bake fundraiser to something else. Two other Senior Centers in the county do potato bakes with much success. The idea is to maybe find our own fundraiser that will be just as successful.

Motion made by Diane to make soup in January and alternate menus monthly with a potato bake. Linda seconded.

Discussion: Why change what we are going to serve? Other meal options were suggested.

Vote – 4 yes, 1 no. Motion carried.

It was recently Janitor Appreciation Day. Mavis will be recognized at one of the December events.

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 21, at 4 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m. (Linda/Diane)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wiese

Manager's Report

October 10, 2023; for Milford Senior Center Board Meeting on October 18, 2023

Prepared by Mystii Lauer, Manager

Building Updates:

The City Council approved the utilizing funds from the 24 account to purchase shelving for storage. Mary ordered the shelves with eta of 10/10/23. After the shelves arrive and are assembled the paper products and other kitchen essentials will be in the Storage room across from the kitchen. Shelves will be put in the room beside the coffee area for decoration, craft paraphernalia, and other storage. One piece of shelving will be put in the multi-purpose room. Does anyone want to volunteer to hang the television in the multi-purpose room?

Other items:

- Seward and Utica's potato bakes are phenomenal; should we consider a different idea for monthly fund raising? Some suggestions: Breakfasts – such as biscuits and gravy, various holiday suppers like Valentine's Day (was done in the past), silent auctions, a garage sale where folks donate items that are then in a garage sale. We do not have a potato bake in November and December.
- September Meal Fundraiser - Potato Bake: Estimated earning was \$600.00.
- Kelly Mancine started Tech Time which is on Thursday mornings, currently by appointment, to help Kelly assess skill level and need.
- An additional option for Yoga has been added on Thursdays at 2:00pm.
- September 30 was a Husker Volleyball Party that Sharon Bender initiated; she had chili/hotdogs/chips and took a free will donation which went to the Senior Center totaling \$59.00.
- Daily congregant and meal deliveries are going very well; Linden Village is helping to address concerns brought forth; we currently take 5 or less meals a day to LV – still not receiving any payment. Very few are volunteering to assist with lunches. Linden Village has hired more staff.

- Kinship Pointe had Bingo on September 28; all had so much fun they are returning, with pies as an additional treat, on October 23 AND doing another round of Bingo on October 26.
- Sharon Bender took over the reigns of Bingo for Susan Trabert while Susan was out of town on October 4th and everyone had a great time.
- Bingo is popular as Caring Friends called and wanted to host a game on October 12th at 2pm to share of their offerings and provide prizes.
- Thank you notes, with boxes of GS cookies have been going out to Milford businesses to thank them for their support of the Senior Center.
- The copy machine and a couple other items were taken by American Recycling on 10/4/2023.
- We are now The Milford Senior Center Board instead of The Milford Aging Services Commission.
- Kathy Ruzicka is volunteering to do Tai Chi; she and Mystii have also scheduled two craft sessions on November 6 and 27th at 1:00pm; she will help us learn bow tying and a wreath project.
- SSAD walk through was on October 11, 2023.
- Memorial Health provided flu shots on October 4 at the Center and there were 20 participants.
- We are participating in the Little LEAPS Halloween trick or treat on October 31, at 10:00am. Ideas are floating around about what type of treat we can hand out; one very creative suggestion was using a glove like we do to serve food and put candy inside. Mystii found a picture of the suggestion on the internet; they are really cute. Other ideas? Some of our clientele have discussed dressing up, too!
- Mystii will be leaving on the 18th at noon for a family function in Fremont. Mike Moritz has offered to stay through the day. That day is also the potato bake; sign up sheets are on the table.
- Aging Partners and Aging Services would like to come over and share all the changes that are taking place and remind of the support they provide our seniors; date and time to be determined.