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SW DANE OUTREACH/NUTRITION BOARD AGENDA

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 5:00 PM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Call to order
The meeting was called to order by Pat Farrell at 5:09 pm. In attendance were Mary Ann Nelson, Lynn Forshaug, Janis Hiltbrand, Cheryl Sutter, Pat Farrell and Theresa Judd. Absent were Cecile McManus and Mark Johnson.
- 2) Agenda Items
 - a. Consideration of December 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes
The minutes from the December 7, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Janis H. made a motion to approve the minutes and Cheryl S. seconded the motion.
- 3) Update from Director
Little John's Catering canceled their meal contract with Dane County on January 23, 2023 due to business dealings that fell through. All Senior Centers and meal programs were notified with this change by the Area Agency on Aging of Dane County. Shannon Gabriel, the Registered Dietician with the Area Agency on Aging wanted all Directors and Nutrition Managers to think outside the box and come up with some temporary solutions to provide meals for vulnerable seniors. Lynn called Paul in the Deli Dept. at Miller & Sons. They would work with us to provide hot meals for 13 seniors who would not be able to cook for themselves or get to the store. The hot meals from Millers started on January 25 and went through January 31. The Area Agency on Aging of Dane County then provided 57 seniors from the Mt. Horeb area and throughout Dane County, who get home delivered meals), seven days of dry and canned good meals. These meals were delivered to our seniors by our RSVP Volunteer Meal Drivers. Dane County Consolidated Foods in Verona will start providing a hot meal for all eligible seniors in Dane County on February 13, 2023. Finks Café is still providing the "My Meal My Way" every Wednesday from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. We raised \$19,270.00 in our "Donation Letter" that went out in November, 2022. \$5,000.00 of that money was from a private Foundation that Lynn had applied to, for the purchase of a laptop. Volunteers will use this lap to help with computer programs and reports.
We are in big need for caregivers and cleaning help for seniors through agencies in Madison. These agencies do not have the staff to serve seniors in communities outside Madison. Dane County has the money to pay providers for

these services, but not the workers. This money was to assist seniors whose income was lower, to get free cleaning and personal care services. Not having the staff for these agencies puts our seniors in jeopardy for living safely and independently.

The Food Share Program (formerly Food Stamps) will be ending their increased benefits that folks have been receiving since the Pandemic occurred. They will be back to their original amount before the Pandemic started, which could be around \$15.00/month. Most seniors and families were getting \$200.00 plus/month during the Pandemic for Food Share, depending on their income. Joe Byrnes, of Mt. Horeb and a Volunteer for Goodwill Industries will be providing the free Tax Preparation at the Mt. Horeb Senior Center in Feb and March, 2023.

The CDBG Renovation Project is still on hold. Only one bid came in in December. Because we are getting HUD money for this project, there has to be two bids, for this project, according to Pedro Ruiz, Jr. from Dane County.

4) Meeting adjournment.

Mary Ann N. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm. It was seconded by Cheryl S.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 5:00 pm.
Submitted by Mary Ann Nelson