

## Southwest Dane Outreach Board Meeting- April 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Pat Farrell at 5:05 pm. In attendance were Janis Hiltbrand, Cheryl Sutter, Mark Johnson, Lynn Forshaug, Mary Ann Nelson, Theresa Judd, Pat Farrell and Julie Schmocker, Cecile McManus and Karen Tetzlaff. The minutes from the December 6, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Janis H. made a motion to approve the minutes and Theresa J. seconded the minutes.

Mark Johnson, our current SW Dane Outreach Board Representative for the Village of Mt. Horeb has decided to step down from his position. The Village of Mt. Horeb has appointed Karen Tetzlaff to fill this position. We thanked Mark for his time of service and welcomed Karen to the Board.

The 2023 budget was reviewed. We have spent 77.1 % of the Nutrition budget and 97.2 % of the Outreach/Case budget through December 31, 2023. (These are not final numbers and %'s.)

We have made \$20,060.44 in fundraising revenue for the year, which includes the "Donation Letter". This "Donation Letter" goes out in the November Shopper to all local residents in the municipalities that we serve. We received \$1,500.00 from the Mt. Horeb Community Foundation for the newsletter postage. We also received a \$6,500.00 grant from a local Foundation to purchase software for our Case Management program.

Julie Schmocker, our Case Manager gave an update on projects and services she has been providing. She is working with a senior who is a Veteran to connect him with VA services. His medications were very expensive and getting him on VA benefits will save him a lot of money. She is working with a gentleman to help navigate him through the DOT system to renew his Driver's License, due to a health issue. She is also working with the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) and Dane County to enroll seniors (who are on a limited income) in a "ILSP (Independent Living Support Program)". The seniors would receive services to help them continue to stay independent and safe in their homes longer. This is a grant for \$7,200.00/person.

There is also a new program for Veterans called "Veterans' Smiles". It was started by a retired Marine, Kyle Arneson. This program would help cover the cost of dental and vision care for veterans. People interested in more information can contact the Senior Center.

Our Renovation Project is nearly completed. We will be getting new computers for the Senior Center staff.

Our next meeting will be held on June 12, 2024 at the Mt. Horeb Senior Center at 5:00pm.

Mary Ann N. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Janis H. seconded it.