

Southwest Dane Outreach Board Meeting- December 3, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl Sutter at 5:16pm. In attendance were Cheryl Sutter, Lynn Forshaug, Theresa Judd, Karen Tetzlaff, Mary Ann Nelson, Cecile McManus, Janis Hiltbrand and Julie Schmocker. Pat Farrell was absent. The minutes from the September 9, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Theresa J. made a motion to approve the minutes and Karen T. seconded the motion.

The 2025 budget was reviewed. Outreach has spent 73% of budget and the Nutrition has spent 63.9% of the budget through September 30, 2025. The Outreach program has spent about \$1,100.00 for emergency situations for seniors, mainly helping with a stay at a local hotel.

The Senior Center has taken in around \$8,500.00 from the "Donation Letter" that went out the third week in November, in the "Shopper" Newspaper.

Update from Senior Center:

Julie has been working with seniors to review their Medicare D Prescription Drug Plans. Seniors have the chance to change their plan or continue with it for another year. The cost for medications or premiums could change, a medication may not be covered by a plan in the new year, etc.

Finks Café will no longer be providing senior meals "My Meal My Way" at their restaurant, since they have closed. Lynn, Julie and Shannon Gabriel, the Dietician and Nutrition Manager at the Area Agency on Aging of Dane County met with Shemsi, the owner of the Spring Garden Restaurant in Mt. Horeb to discuss the possibility of them hosting the meal program.

The Senior Center will be receiving a \$1,500.00 grant from the Mt. Horeb Community Foundation to help offset the cost of postage for the monthly newsletter and another grant of \$2,200.00 for kitchen supplies.

Chair Massages and our Foot Care programs are going very well with appointments filling fast each month.

Lynn sent letters to all municipalities in September, asking for their 2026 contribution. We have not heard back from any municipalities that they would not contribute. The Town of Blue Mounds, has not had their final 2026 budget meeting.

The 2026 Dane County and Village of Mt. Horeb budgets have both been approved by their Boards. Dane County will be contributing \$135,480.00 to the 2026 Outreach/Case Management programs, the Village of Mt. Horeb will be contributing \$52,237.00 and if all five local municipalities contribute, their total contribution will be \$41,406.00.

Lynn will be sending letters to all municipalities in January, 2026 requesting half or full payments for their annual contributions. The second payment is due in July, 2026.

Lynn Forshaug announced she will be retiring at the end of May, 2026. Cheryl S. and Cecile McManus volunteered to be part of interview process for the next Director.

The next Board meeting will meet on February 11, 2026 at the Senior Center at 5:00pm.

Theresa J. made a motion to adjourn and Karen T. seconded the motion.