

Southwest Dane Outreach Board Meeting- February 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Pat Farrell at 5:06pm. In attendance were Lynn Forshaug, Theresa Judd, Karen Tetzlaff, Mary Ann Nelson, Cecile McManus, Janis Hiltbrand, Denise Schwenn and Julie Schmocker. Cheryl Sutter was absent. The minutes from the December 3, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Karen T. made a motion to approve the minutes and Theresa J. seconded the motion.

The 2025 budget was reviewed. Outreach has spent 93.8% of budget and the Nutrition has spent 82.4% of the budget through November 30, 2025.

Denise S. went over the 2025 November Financial spreadsheet and answered questions regarding the Financials along with the 2026 budget. Denise also mentioned that the Village will be working on a five-year strategic plan, which can incorporate a five-year plan for SW Dane Outreach.

The Board also discussed Lynn's retirement in May. The ad for the Director's position will go out at the end of February.

Julie S. gave an update on some of the Case Management cases she has been working on. Three seniors came to us homeless, starting in October, 2025. She spent countless hours dealing with apt. hunting for these seniors, (housing is currently very limited), lots of paperwork dealing with their financial status and bills, looking into FoodShare, meals, furniture, etc. She did find an apt. in Monticello, WI for the first senior. Pat Farrell helped Julie move furniture for this senior to Monticello. The other two seniors are currently living in a local hotel and motel, until housing is found for them. Julie worked with 30 seniors in applying for or renewing their Medicare D (prescription drug plan) for 2026.

Spring Garden will be hosting the "My Meal My Way" senior meals starting on February 25, 2026. The meals will be served every Wednesday, from 11:00am-1:00pm. People 60+ are eligible for the meals and the suggested donation for the meal is \$5.00/person. Four breakfast and four lunch entrees will be available every Wednesday on a special senior menu.

Nic Owen, the Village Administrator has accepted a new position as the County Administrator for Green County. March 10 will be his last day at the Village of Mt. Horeb.

Contribution letters were sent to all municipalities in January for the SW Dane Outreach 2026 budget. The Town of Blue Mounds has paid their first half and the Town of Primrose has paid the full contribution for the Outreach/Nutrition programs.

We are looking into processing our own newsletter. We have had a contract with LPi (a publishing company in New Berlin, WI) for five years. Julie S. is currently compiling the info for the monthly newsletter, typing it into a template and sending it to LPi for publishing. It is then sent back to us for folding, labeling and mailing.

The next Outreach Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Janis H. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cecile McManus seconded it.