

Minutes
Dunedin Committee on Aging
Monday, January 28, 2019

Pledge and Call to Order

Sandi Sunter, Chair called meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance

Attending members: Lorraine Thrush, Michael Whalen, Tom Anderson, Louise Cleary, Sandi Sunter, Dawn Dollnig, Sharon Williams

Excused Absences: Karla Lindeen, Lea Richmond

Visitors: David Lomaka, Bonnie Hough, Maureen Rulison, Laura McMann

Approval of the December minutes submitted by Karla Lindeen.

AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities: Sharon Williams. Per recommendations received in the recent meeting with city officials, one aspect of the of the AARP project will be addressed at a time. The first concern has been transportation. The City Council voted against implementation of the Nickel Ride at the January 24, 2019 council meeting. The January 30, 2019 task force session has been cancelled.

On the topic of transportation - David Lomaka presented an update on the Neighborly endeavors. He said due to a drastic reduction in funding for permanent area dining sites in recent years the number of locations dwindled, however, now with new funding, expansion can be expected. A location recently opened on Klosterman Road at a Community Church. The possibility of reopening the Palm Lake Village location, which has been closed several years, was discussed.

Mr. Lomaka also advised of some planned improvements to make the EZ Ride more user-friendly. A project is underway to have an EZ Ride phone app. Also, a plan is in place to streamline the cumbersome registration process for use of the service, e.g. telephone registration..

Housing will be the next Network topic to be addressed by the Committee. Dawn Dollnig will gather information on "Home Share" in preparation for the transition to a focus on housing.

Senior Hall of Fame: The Applications for the Senior Hall of Fame were released to committee members for distribution. There is a typo on the form that members are being asked to change - at the bottom of the page one date is incorrect, it should read "**Nominations accepted January 2-March 26, 2019**" - the application incorrectly states "March 9." The luncheon is scheduled May 8, 2019.

Age Wave: Michael Whalen indicated he continues to seek avenues for dissemination of information regarding climate change.

Intergenerational: Lorraine Thrush indicated this is a slow time for Intergenerational efforts after the very successful essay contest.

PR Report: Lorraine Cleary provided press releases to the local newspaper, however nothing was printed regarding the essay contest.

Membership Report: Tom Anderson - The member vacancy created by Bob Bellavance's resignation was discussed. The Committee agreed to discuss current applicants in the Executive session.

A Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Next Committee Meeting will be February 25, 2019 9:00 am at the Hale Senior Center.
An Executive Session will follow the regular monthly meeting.

Submitted by Dawn Dollnig