

**CITY OF MERRILL
ENRICHMENT CENTER COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING MEC CONFERENCE ROOM 2:15 PM**

I. Opening

1. **Call meeting to order** - Bertagnoli called the meeting to order.
Director and existing members thanked exiting members Sharon Anderson and Teresa Baker for service in addition to welcoming new Committee members, Elizabeth McKrank, Carol Holz, and Alderperson Mark Weix.

II. Consent Items

1. **Approval of March '24 meeting minutes** - Motion by Bebel, second by Harvey to approve March '24 minutes. Motion carried.
2. **Approval of March/April '24 Vouchers** - Motion by Tlusty second by Bebel to approve March/April '24 vouchers. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment Tlusty promoted the Good Ideas Conference which is hosted by UW Stevens Point, formerly UW Marathon County. They are in need of more people from Merrill to participate. This is a continuing Education type offering. It is focused on people of retirement age and is a 2-3 day event. For information on next year's conference go to uwsp.edu/continuing_education. Bertagnoli asked about the Strong Bodies grant available through the ADRC. Director meets with Erin Wells and Jennifer Clark on May 20th to discuss the requirements for obtaining funding.

IV. ADRC No report

V. Operations

1. **All of Us Research will be at the MEC on April 29th from 9:30-11:30am** - Director shared that a representative from All of Us Research would be at the Center on April 29th. Director and McKrank shared it was a science based research program through Marshfield Clinic. The goal of the program is to accelerate health research and medical breakthroughs, enabling individualized prevention, treatment, and care for all participants.
2. **Farm to Table 6 part Series Begins May 8th** - The MEC's Farm to Table series begins May 8th. Facilitated by Mary Huhta, a local sustainable farmer, this series will focus on sustainable farming. See our newsletter for specifics.
3. **Workshop Series in May**
Medicare, Estate Planning, Write your own Obituary (Waid Funeral Home) - Director shared our workshop series in May; Medicare, Estate Planning, Write your own Obituary.

4. **Volunteer Appreciation** - The MEC staff hosted a luncheon for our 2023 Volunteers on April 17th to recognize each individual for their contribution in helping us enrich the lives of our participants and community.
5. **Washington School Intergenerational Opportunity** - The MEC and Washington School 3rd grade classes will get together for intergenerational puzzle making and conversation, on May 1st and 2nd from 1-2 pm and 2-3 pm both days.

VI. General Agenda Items for Consideration

1. Finalize Core Values -

- Motion by Bebel, second by Harvey to finalize MEC's Core Values - Welcoming, Respectful, Supportive, Compassionate. Motion carried. Bebel further added how our Guy's group is a wonderful testimonial to all of our core values.

VII. Discussion

1. Continue Health Fair Planning -

- Committee continued planning for a health fair. Director consulted with City Attorney Hayden who verified that we need to have a way to ensure entering is fair. McKrank suggested breaking down categories (chiropractic, natural health, medical, etc.) and determining how many spaces are available for each. At that time sending invitations and have it be a first come first serve basis. All agreed it was a great way to proceed. Director shared timing for this would realistically not be until spring of 2025. Committee suggestions were to reach out to the Merrill Chamber and Tomahawk Sports as they have hosted similar events.

VIII. Date and Time of Next Meeting

1. **Next meeting will be held May 16th at 2:15pm at the MEC. *Vouchers available for review 10 minutes prior to start of the meeting.*** -

IX. Adjournment Motion to adjourn by Tlusty second by Weix.