

**CITY OF MERRILL
ENRICHMENT CENTER COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING MEC CONFERENCE ROOM 2:15 PM**

I. Opening

Call meeting to order - Bertagnoli called the meeting to order.

Present: Bertagnoli, Alderperson Weix, Bebel, Harvey, Holz, McCrank, Tlusty

Present not voting: Alderperson Lass

Not present: ADRC representative Jennifer Clark

II. Public Comment

III. ADRC Not Present

IV. Consent Items

1. Approval of May meeting minutes

2. Approval of May/June/July vouchers - Director Mrachek shared the following information... Vouchers – we are in the positive for YTD \$4073.30! Finance Director Ley emailed that we are running under budget at this time as well and she has no concerns.

Motion by McCrank second my Holz to approve May '24 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tlusty second by McCrank to approve May/June/July vouchers. Motion carried.

V. Operations

1. June/July recap

ADRC – Dementia & Brain health basics/memory screening was well attended. Director shared that we will continue partnering with the ADRC for this offering. They also work closely with our Library. This provides 2 different locations, dates and times for our community to take advantage of this much needed information.

Bus Trips – going well! Lunch& shopping, three lakes winery, fabric trip. Upcoming – August Minocqua downtown, Tilted Loon & Windmill. Also trying to fill a Lamar's bus for holiday shopping.

Strong Bodies – I found two ladies (city employees) who are on their way next week to attend the training! They will be substitutes at this time and then may teach in the evenings when the program grows. I am going to suggest to the City that employees can volunteer in the community a set number of working hours for the year – Church Mutual already does this. Current enrollment evening is 8. My day class begins August 15th-October 8th.

New Offerings

Mindset Mastery – will continue working with her.

Compassus is back – Janet and Tina will be working with us on a number of

workshop offerings. (Hospice, Power of Attorney, Will/Trust, etc.)

2. Director shared how much time is consumed in the organization and management of the festival of quilts . We had 105 entries this year. The FOQ committee consists of 7 women, without whom, we would not be able to offer this amazing show to our community. Bonnie Osness, Local Quilter and Published Designer, is scheduled for demos and trunk shows on both days. This event also pulls in people from all over the state and some from out of state. The show is scheduled for August 2nd and 3rd, and we are anticipating a large turnout.

3. The MEC is planning a health fair on April 10th, 2025. The Health Department has already committed to attending. Committee brainstormed ideas. Holz added that Church Mutual had conducted health screenings in the past and may have some contact information for us. McCrank added that dermatologists would be a great addition. Dentists and Holistic Health were also suggested. Table fees were discussed. Director will check with others to see what a reasonable fee would be. Local organizations will be contacted, and it will be on a first come, first served basis, as spaces are limited. Other topics of discussion included reaching out to the Rotary, Lions, VFW, and Church Mutual, as they may have had health fairs and have suggestions for us. Also mentioned was adding fliers to our newsletter delivery routes to promote the fair.

4. Director discussed upcoming offerings in August. The month looks alot different for our activity schedule due to our Festival of Quilts, the Lincoln County Fair and Primary voting. We will resume a more normal schedule beginning on the 14th of the month. Our daytime Strong Bodies will start up again on the 15th. We are looking forward to our first Parkinson's Support Group meeting on the 28th at 1pm. This is more of a need than we all may be aware of. Director has received guidance from the State of WI Parkinson's association Director regarding meetings and resources. Bus trips upcoming will include our annual holiday shopping. We are looking to fill a Lamars bus to go to either Johnson Creek Outlets or Appleton. We are very excited to partner with and begin a series of offerings with Compassus.

September offerings include Planning Before a Crisis and Hospice Myths and Misconceptions. Our workshop "Straight Talk about the Mysteries of Hearing Aids" presented by Dr. Lori Fish, has been strong. Our annual Fall Craft & market event will take place Sept. 28th from 9am-2pm.

VI. Discussion

VII. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on August 15th at 2:15 in the MEC Conference Room -

VIII. Adjournment Harvey made a motion to adjourn, second my Tlusty.