Advisory Council Minutes

Area Agency on Aging, Region X
June 2, 2026
AAAX Central Office: 531 E 15th St, Joplin, MO

Council Members Present:	Jerry Williams	Sherry Lawrence
	Pattye Brown	Charlie Davis
	Alicia Edens	Victoria Nash (new)
	Hillary Bokker	Jeff Snider
	Edith Triplett	
Council Members on Teams:	Barb Ittner	
AAAX Staff Present:	Kim Schlegel	Charlotte Foust
	Bill Chase	

Meeting Opened: 4:00pm

Agenda Items:

I. **Approval of Previous Minutes**
Charlie Davis motioned to approve the minutes. Sherry Lawrence seconded – motion approved

II. **Area Plan**
Charlotte Foust stated the plan is with DHSS for approval. No action is necessary at this time.

III. **Outreach Events**
   a. The Joplin Elks breakfast in March raised $616.
   b. Pepperfest at the Joplin Empire Market will be August 8 from 10am-1pm
      i. We will have jars of homemade salsa available for donations.
      ii. It will be made with produce from local Empire Market vendors.
      iii. Kim said she might put out a call for everyone to bring in some Mason-type jars.
      iv. We may or may not have alcohol depending on if Macadoodles can get bottles and have their own staff serve. AAAX staff will not be handling any alcohol to avoid needing insurance for the event.
   c. Kim is working on a breakfast fundraiser at First Community Church (15th St & Murphy). She said the minister there does all the food prep. Advisory council members and AAAX staff might be needed to clean off tables and handle trash, but they can just come to have breakfast and talk about how the AAAX serves older adults.
   d. Grapes and Grog will be October 3 at the Scottish Rite.
      i. It will be a "Night in Italy" with spaghetti and meatballs, bread, and salad from Wilders.

ii. The goal is to raise $57,000. We already have $13,500 in sponsorships.
iii. Each Advisory Council member has been tasked by Kim to get at least two sponsorships and start selling tables and tickets.
iv. Kim asked for council members to sign up for a committee. Jeff Snider and Edith Triplett said they will do the set-up and Edith will bring her family. Alicia Edens and Hillary Bokker volunteered to help with break-down.
v. The goal for the silent and live auctions are to have fewer items but make them bigger/higher qualify. Smaller auction items will be combined to create larger items. The number will also be limited to about 15 for the silent auction and 10 for the live.
vi. The bake sale will be moved to the room on the left which will allow more space for more baked goods. We will get some sugar-free options this year.

e. We talked about Senior Expo 2026 and how we cleared $5,000 for the nutrition program. It was discussed that next year, we'd tweak the placement of vendors and the set up at the Joplin Expo.

IV. Advisory Council Member In-Kind Forms

Bill Chase spoke about how in-kind helps the AAAX with meeting match numbers for DHSS. He handed out the forms and asked the members to complete them.

V. Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

VI. Next Meetings

The next Advisory Council meetings have been agreed upon and will be at the AAAX Central Office:

- July 7, 4:00pm
- August 11, 4:00pm
- September 8, 4:00pm

VII. Meeting Adjourned at 4:50pm

Charlie Davis made a motion to adjourn. Alicia Edens seconded – motion approved.

Alicia Edens, President

Sherry Lawrence, Secretary