

**Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes, July 6, 2023 9:30 AM**

**Normal Township Activity and Recreation Center
600 E. Willow, Normal, IL 61761**

Members Present: Chair Deb Shaw, Jana Edge, Steven Kossman, Terry Lindberg, Sylvia Richardson, Carol Smith, Linda Spencer

Township Officials: Jess Ray, Supervisor; Trustees Floyd Aper and Sally Pyne

ARC Staff: Member Services Manager Elicsha Sanders; Communications Coordinator Samantha Scott

Public Present: None

Meeting called to order by Chair Deb Shaw at 9:30 AM.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2023 meeting was made by Steven Kossman. Motion seconded by Jana Edge. Motion passed.

Public Comment – None

Report from Chair – Deb Shaw

The Peace Meal is going well.

Report from Township Supervisor & ARC Operations Overview: Jess Ray

The fob reader at the south/main door has not been working. A new reader was received from GymMaster yesterday. An extra benefit is the new scanner has also resulted in an upgrade.

Due to supply chain issues we are still waiting for a new sensor for the air conditioner unit covering the Fitness Center and Exercise Studio. The rooms' doors are open to help with air movement until it is repaired.

The SHIP counselors are interviewing and training new volunteers.

Senator Durbin will be visiting the ARC today. Susan Real, Executive Director of the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging will also be here to discuss the importance of funding and assistance for providing services for older adults.

Tours were conducted when area Township Officials of Illinois attended training at the ARC a couple of weeks ago. Several expressed desire to have similar programs.

Updates to ARC Staff Reports

Jess Ray for Molly Camper, Program Highlights - Report is attached to the meeting packet.

Be sure to check the newsletter for current programs.

“The Cocoon” presentation is Monday, July 10th at 1:00.

The Blood Drive yesterday had 27 donors. Most pre-registered and a few were walk-ins. Linda Spencer asked about the “Little Mermaid” presentation at the Connie Link outdoor theater. Sammi reported she saw on social media it was cancelled due to weather.

The final “Intro to the Arts” series at the Link Theater is August 3 and we will be encouraging a group effort to go. There will be more information in August newsletter.

Carol Smith asked if “Patio Potluck Bingo” would be moved indoors if the weather or air quality was bad on July 26th. Yes, it will be held in the Rec Room.

Elicsha Sanders, Member Services – Report is attached to the meeting packet.

No changes to the report. One of the van drivers has had surgery and is doing well but the driver shortage has caused scheduling issues and a shuffling of drivers.

Samantha Scott, Communications Coordinator – Report is attached to the packet.

The Monical’s Dine and Donate brought in \$222.13. Ideas are needed for future dine & donates with sit-down restaurants being preferred. Next dine & donate will be in September.

Committee Reports

Linda Spencer reported attending a meeting of the Living Memorial Fund. They are planning a golf outing at Ironwood in collaboration with Faith in Action for May 30, 2024 during Older Americans Month. Volunteers and sponsors will be needed. If you are interested in volunteering, Sammi will forward your information to the planning committee. Leads for sponsors are welcome.

Committee members will be helping at the McLean County Fair and delivering newsletters.

Steve reached out to Western Avenue Community Services and offered a tour of the ARC.

Program Committee brainstormed special events, for example: a winter ball, holiday activities, Veterans Day celebration, Taste of Bloomington/Normal, an outside dance.

Concerns were expressed on the limited variety of music chosen by the DJ at the dance on June 30th.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Barbershop Quartet was enjoyed at the Volunteer Recognition.

Carol Smith welcomes movie suggestions.

Per Sally Pyne the new “Road and Bridge Building” is almost done and the township has talked of having an open house. Maybe they could hold a dance on the nice new floor before the equipment is brought in.

Sammi said the September Annual Campaign and Open House is in the planning stages. They are looking for several nice raffle items which will be needed in August to be included in publicity. We will reach out to the Senior Care Network for raffle items too. A Spirit Week was suggested.

Suggested Topics for Next Meeting

Committees meet month.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Next Normal Township Board Meeting: July 20, 2023 at 8:15 AM

Next Senior Advisory Committee Meeting: August 3, 2023 at 9:30 AM