

St. Joseph County, COA
Senior Council Advisory Committee (Three Rivers)
Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2017

Members Present: Bea & Byron Folk, Muriel Bright, Sue Fellows, Thelma James, Mabel Dillingham, Donna Dick, Paula Ballard & Laurel Cordes

Also Present: Tim Stoll (Executive Director), Katie Hughes (Nutrition Manager), Ruth Mancina (Activities/Marketing Manager), Kelsey Larsh (Sturgis Life Enrichment Coordinator), Cassie Graber (Nutrition Assistant)

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am

Tim Stoll (Executive Director) asked for suggestions naming the new COA building in Three Rivers. Boxes will be located in the Sturgis & Three Rivers centers for suggestions.

Tim mentioned the COA would be sending out a survey and encouraged all seniors to fill it out and send it back even if they don't use COA services.

Katie Hughes (Nutrition Manager) stated changes would be coming to the COA Restaurant program and seniors will now have the option to choose between breakfast and lunch/dinner vouchers. Each senior can purchase a total of 7 vouchers per month. The requirements for the restaurants will be changing which will allow more flexibility in senior meal choices. The COA is hoping to attract new restaurants to the restaurant program giving seniors more options. Katie stated there will be a grace period through the month of January for COA participants to use their remaining COA tickets from 2017.

Senior Council members stated they enjoyed the COA Holiday Party but did have a few complaints with the venues seating and staffing for the event and also a few complaints about the food.

Kelsey Larsh (Sturgis Life Enrichment Coordinator) mentioned Tech Time is held on the first Tuesday of every month, Sturgis in the morning and Three Rivers in the afternoon.

Ruth Mancina (Activities & Marketing Manager) stated she is looking to schedule day trips in January but mentioned weather could be a factor. Ruth mentioned Three Rivers Craftomania was a success and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

Senior Council members are interested in having a book available with completed stories from the Howardsville Christian School project.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23am

Next meeting will be held on February 20th in Three Rivers at the COA, beginning at 9:00am.