

St. Joseph County COA

Senior Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Mable Dillingham, Donna Dick, Thelma James, Byron Folk, Bea Folk, Paul Ballard, and Mike Ballard

Staff Present: Marketing & Life Enrichment Manager Ruth Mancina

Ruth began the meeting by announcing that the COA would be providing 300 free tickets to the fair for its members. Those tickets will become available Tuesday, September 4.

After hearing a request at a previous meeting, State Rep. Aaron Miller was invited to the COA to speak to our seniors about legislative affairs and how they impact seniors. Rep. Miller visited both centers in early August.

Ruth said the St. Joseph County Commissioners approved a resolution to pay the costs of issuance of one or more municipal securities or bonds towards financing capital improvements at the Three Rivers Inn. Once the municipal securities are issued, the construction can begin.

Some discussion ensued about the Three Rivers Inn and room usage in regards to Bingo and exercise classes. Ruth indicated that nothing is set in stone yet and that adjusting some times of classes might solve any problems that could potentially arrive.

The bookshelves in Three Rivers were discussed and members present indicated that the hardcover books are not as popular as the paperbacks. Ruth said she would organize the bookshelves as soon as possible.

Bea Folk asked if more restaurants could be added to the Restaurant program and Ruth said Katie plans to work on that in the next few months.

Paula Ballard asked if the seniors could decorate the Christmas tree this year and Ruth said a tree trimming party would be put on the calendar for November. Hot chocolate included!

Paula also mentioned that she had heard that there was a company in the area that would be interested in providing our seniors with a Thanksgiving meal. Ruth said she has not heard anything about that but would do some investigating.

Ruth mentioned that the Friends of the COA were working on a Bingo Potluck in the park and that would take place on September 12 at Nottawa Park. The group is trying to raise money to pay for yard signs that show support for the senior millage which is on the November 6th ballot.

The next meeting in Three Rivers will be held on October 16th at 9am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.