

St. Joseph County COA

Senior Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. at the Three Rivers Inn

Members Present: Mable Dillingham, Donna Dick, Thelma James, Nancy Bolinger, Byron Folk, Bea Folk, Paul Ballard, Mike Ballard, Wanda Degenski, Mary Malsch, Jackie Knoff, Mary Bennett, Regina Sanders, Pat Culp, Beverly Mikolajczyk

Staff Present: Executive Director Tim Stoll, Nutrition Manager Katie Hughes and Marketing & Life Enrichment Manager Ruth Mancina

A member asked if the COA would be providing free tickets to the St. Joseph County Fair this year to COA members. Ruth Mancina indicated that would be offered this year and an announcement would go in the August COA newsletter.

A member asked if State Rep. Aaron Miller could be invited to speak at both our senior centers about legislation he is sponsoring on Robocalls. Ruth Mancina said she would contact his office to set that up.

Tim Stoll gave an update on the renovation project and said we have a construction management company hired for the job and bids have been submitted by sub-contractors but we have not finalized choices for sub-contractors yet.

He said work is continuing on getting the financing set for the project and he is hopeful that it will happen in the next 4 to 6 weeks. He indicated that would be the last step and then everything else is ready to go. The building would be owned by the Building Authority and the COA would be the occupant.

There was some discussion about food preparation in the building once renovations were complete and Tim indicated that it was the goal to have all food preparation at the Three Rivers site since the kitchen was so large.

He said this would allow us to have a positive impact if we took on the food preparation ourselves since we could improve the quality and provide seniors with more choices.

Tim said there would be 46 apartments and eight of them would be two-bedroom apartments. He said the plans are to combine two apartments to make one apartment and all that all entries into the apartments will be from inside the building.

Tim then took anyone who was interested on a tour of the building to show them the various uses for the senior center part of the building as well as how the apartments would be in the residence part of the building.

The next meeting in Three Rivers will be held on August 21st at 9am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.