



**FITCHBURG COMMISSION ON AGING  
THURSDAY, October 8, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sue Sheets, Ada Deer, Ruth Domack, Dick Rydecki, Jim Sosnouski, Carol Poole, Anne Scott

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jill McHone

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Chair Sosnouski called meeting to order at 8:30am
- Approval of August meeting minutes.
- Motion: Minutes of August 2015 meeting be approved. Seconded, Passed.
- Motion: Jim Sosnouski serve another term as chair of the commission. Seconded. Passed.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The following activities or programs are completed, active or in the advanced planning stage:

- PLATO
- Student help with Energy Task Force projects
- Dance for Dementia at Gold's Gym brought in \$1100
- Dementia Friendly Fitchburg training at Oak Bank (first bank in Fitchburg to receive training)
- Fitchburg Spry Society in cooperation with Fitchburg Library meets Fridays 10:30 until November
- Only Leaves Fall program will be offered
- Antique program at Library was a success
- Veteran's Day celebration Nov 11. Fitchburg Singers and Eagle School students will provide music. Focus will be POWs and Viet Nam vets.
- RSVP 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Nov 12
- Sharing Sunday, a program to provide a social Sunday experience, will be Nov 8
- Volunteer Appreciation will be Nov 14
- New instructor policy sent to all instructors
- Jill is liaison for Wisconsin Senior Center with Wisconsin legislator.

**Fitchburg Senior Center Friends**

Sheets reported actions by the Friends including financial support of over \$1400:

- Support for persons with special needs including providing payment of rent for needy person. Also payment for a fan, golf cart program and trail fees.
- Funds for day care and three subscriptions for Wisconsin State Journal

- Eplegarden Labor Day program was a success as well as the Friends snack stand
- The Brat Fest replaced the Pig Roast
- HyVee will donate 10% of café receipts to the Friends on Dec 10.

### **Old Business – Senior Center Budget**

Review of 2015 accomplishments

New initiatives include:

- accepting credit cards as payment for registrations,
- on-line registration,
- collaborate with UW Med School on health pilot program,
- complete update of center dining room,
- pursue installation of signage,
- form a volunteer technical team to assist seniors with various devices and
- continue program for Dementia Friendly Fitchburg by providing training for at least 10 local businesses.

### **New Business**

- Discussion of Dane County's funding of senior centers (focal points)
- Discussion of Area Agency on Aging 2016 priorities.
- Suggestion made to provide opportunity for a social / coffee environment for Viet Nam vets following format of the vets' organization Dry Hooch

### **Other Business**

- Discuss changing the name of the Commission on Aging to Commission on Senior Living.
- One of the issues related to a name change is the continuity of using a specific name across county and state centers.

### **Next meeting**

Thursday, December 10, 8:30 am.

**Adjournment** – 9:40am