

MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2024

Centralia Recreation Center, Centralia, Illinois– 1:00PM

THOSE PRESENT: Susan Elke, Michele Garrison, Amy Harrison, Gerald Herring, Sue Heth, Chloe Page, Jimmie Page, and Karen Walsh.

EXCUSED: Rosanna Perkins, Sue Kramer, Brien Guy

ABSENT: Janice Gahagan

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & WELCOME:

The March 21, 2024 Board Meeting was called to order by Board President Jimmie Page, followed by Judy Kleine calling the Roll Call, and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: There was one Guest in Attendance and that was Carol Johnson, a possible new Board Member.

PUBLIC REMARKS: Nancy Hinton gave a short presentation on one of our new initiatives, which is the Illinois Triad program. Nancy went on to say that there would be a FREE TRIAD/Dementia Awareness Training that would be held at the Effingham Event Center, in Effingham, Illinois on Thursday, May 23, 2024. Nancy stated that there were registration forms available. President Jimmie Page, encouraged the Board to please try to attend this event, if for nothing else, to give the Midland staff moral support.

Tracy then followed with asking those in attendance, to please keep Board Member Sue Kramer and her family in their prayers, due to a family illness they are dealing with.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS: None

BUSINESS MEETING:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary's Report from October 19, 2023 was approved with a motion by Gerald Herring and a second from Karen Walsh.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer Reports for October, November, and December of 2023 and also the Treasurer Reports for January and February of 2024 were approved to be filed for Audit.

Susan Elke had a question regarding a transportation issue in Effingham, Illinois, and after some discussion, Tracy recommended that if any further issues were to appear, to have them call her.

STAFF REPORTS: Written staff reports were submitted in the Board Packet when they were mailed out, therefore, no additional reports were given.

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AREA PLAN DEVELOPMENT/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Tracy Barczewski

Tracy began her report by stating that the Area Plan was in Full Throttle and that the Draft was due April 1, 2024, at which time it would be reviewed, returned, and then the Final Area Plan was due on May 15, 2024. Tracy reported that the Public Information Document was due by April 4, 2024, and the Public Hearing would then be held at the Midland Area Agency office in their conference room on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 10:00am.

Tracy reported that the Department on Aging has a new Director, and her name is Mary Killough. She stated that Ms. Killough had previously served as Deputy Director, that she has over 30 years of experience, and had once served as the Division Manager at the Department. Tracy went on to say that she had been on a call the day before the meeting and it was the most positive meeting that had been held in years, and that she was glad to see Ms. Killough back at the Department and thought she would do a good job. Ms. Killough replaces the previous Director who was Paula Basta, who retired as of December 31, 2023.

Tracy reported that the Department had hired 3 new Regional Coordinators, which would now give them 5-total.

Tracy reported that once again, the Midland Area Agency on Aging would be participating in the Alzheimer's Walk which will be held on September 21, 2024 and that she, herself this year was on the Planning Committee.

Tracy reminded that the May Board Meeting would be the 50th Celebration of the Area Agency, that it would be held there at the Centralia Recreation Center, and asked if the Board had any suggestions for the Celebration. There was discussion as to who to invite from the previous years, and she stated that it wouldn't be a big celebration, however, there would be cupcakes served after the Board Meeting. The Advisory Council is scheduled to meet in the morning of the 15th, our Providers would be in attendance, and that she would work on contacting past employees, Advisory Council Members, along with Board Members to attend. It was asked during the discussion, that actual date on which the Agency began, and it was stated that it was around June 7, 1974.

Tracy then finished her report, by stating that without the help of everyone at the office and everyone working together, that the Agency couldn't have done what they are doing, due to the fact of all the changes that have taken place.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: There had been two Advisory Council meetings since the Board had last met, the minutes from both meetings had been included in the Board Packet and therefore, there was no report to be given at this time.

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IDOA REPORT- Chuck Miller, Regional Coordinator: Due to Mr. Miller being unable to attend the March meeting, there was no IDOA report given.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Susan Elke, Chairperson –No Report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE- Michele Garrison, Chairperson- Michele made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss an issue, the motion was second by Susan Elke, and the meeting then went into Closed Session. In Open Session, Karen Walsh made a motion to approve a onetime bonus as presented, with no fringe benefits for each staff employed from the Discretionary Account. A second was made then by Susan Elke, there were no opposed, and the motion was carried.

After this was announced, Jimmie again stated that he appreciated everything that the staff did and thank all of them for all their hard work.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-Sue Kramer, Chairperson- No Report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Chloe Page, Chairperson- A motion was made by Chloe to approve the application of Rev. W. Carol Johnson to the Board of Directors representing Effingham County. A second was made by Gerald Herring, there were no opposed, and the motion was carried. Chloe then reminded the Board that there was still an opening in Jefferson and Clay County, along with a Member At Large.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE-Brien Guy, Chairperson- No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Susan Elke reported that at the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners that FISH provided, that they served 1000 at each meal. President Jimmie Page thanked Susan for all the hard work that she puts into these two meals each year.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Sue Heth, and a second by Gerald Herring to adjourn the March Meeting. There were no opposed, motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Midland Area Agency on Aging Board meeting will be held on April 18, 2024 at the Salem KC Extension, located at 1475 W. Whittaker, in Salem, Illinois.