

SENIORS UNITED FOR NUTRITION PROGRAM, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
March 13, 2007

Chairperson Dean Thoreson called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. at the Iowa County Courthouse, UW-Extension Conference Room, Dodgeville, Wisconsin.

Roll Call: Ronald Benish, Iowa; George Williams, Lafayette; Dean Thoreson, Lafayette; Kenny Taylor, Lafayette.

Absent – Thomas Mueller, Iowa; Phil Roberts, Iowa.

A quorum was present.

Others Present: Deirdra Suchomel, Executive Director; Marcia Kendall, Assistant Director; Carol Benson, Lafayette County Aging Resource Center; Judy Lindholm, Iowa County Aging Unit.

Certification of the Meeting: Kendall stated that notice of the meeting was posted at designated public places.

Approval of the Agenda for March 13, 2007 – Motion by Williams to approve the Agenda for March 13, 2007 as mailed, seconded by Benish. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of February 16, 2007 Board Meeting: Motion by Taylor seconded by Benish to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 16, 2007 as mailed. Motion carried.

Reports from other Board members and members of the audience – No reports.

Aging Resource Center & County Aging Unit Reports –Judy Lindholm, Iowa County Aging Unit – Have met the person that will be working with the “Eat Better, Move More” prevention program. Avoca site will be the first on the list for Iowa County and Shullsburg and South Wayne for Lafayette County to offer the program. The result of the program when done is that it is in place and that the community can continue the program into the next year.

Continue to work with the Long Term Consortium. Currently looking for citizen participation to become members.

Benson entered meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Carol Benson, Lafayette County Aging Unit – Will be participating in “Our Town” which is March 25th. This happens every three years and draws a good attendance.

Also working on the Senior Expo that is coming up and the Strap Grant which is to deal with transportation issues in rural areas.

Monthly Reports – Cash Flow Statement – February, 2007 – Distributed and discussed.

Budget Reports C-1 & C-2 – January, 2007 and February, 2007 – Reports were sent out prior to meeting for Board members to review. Discussed.

Monthly Participant Numbers – January, 2007 – Report sent out prior to meeting for Board members to review. Discussed.

Site Reports – Dodgeville Meal Site Update – Dodgeville meal site has relocated to the Grace Lutheran Church on a six month trial basis effective March 1st. Working agreement is in progress with the church. Mary Spillane, who is the SUN Office Assistant, is also working as the site manager for the Dodgeville meal site. Suchomel is working on getting an article in the paper about the site.

Arena Meal Site Update – Suchomel reported that Patty Schiferl, Arena Site Manager, Phil Roberts and she attended the Town and Village joint meeting to talk about the nutrition program. Main issue discussed was the request from meal participants to move the meal site to the Senior Apartment Building. 16 of 19 apartment tenants signed a petition in favor of relocating the meal site to the apartment building. The Arena Manor Apartment Board needs to make the final decision, next meeting will be held March 20th. Suchomel plans to attend the meeting.

Staff Issues – Avoca Cook/Site Manager – Sue Boies has been hired and started as the Avoca cook/site manager.

Dodgeville Meal Contract – Currently receiving meals from the Hodan Center on a month to month basis for the Dodgeville meal site. Cost is \$3.85 per meal plus \$.90 per meal extra to transport for a total cost of \$4.75 per meal. Suchomel received prices from Upland Hills Health, Dick's Supermarket and Jimmy's Restaurant which were \$5.95 per meal and higher. Board requested Suchomel receive a price from Bloomfield Manor before making a final decision on the caterer for the Dodgeville site.

Van Tires – The Chevy van used to transport meals from Darlington for the Blanchardville/Argyle/Gratiot/Wiota route is in need of new tires. Current tires were purchased in November 2005 and rated at 60,000 miles but only have 18,500 miles on them and have little to no tread on them. Suchomel has talked to the business that the tires were originally purchased from with no offer to give a credit adjustment. Suchomel shared pricing received from three different businesses. Discussion. Motion by Williams to give Suchomel the authority and approval to have tires put on the van, seconded by Taylor. Motion carried.

Main Bank Account Fund – Currently have the SUN main bank account at the Wells Fargo Bank which earns very little interest. Discussed putting part of the main account balance into an account that earns better interest and only carry a balance to cover checks written with some cushion. Board asked to bring back next month and have figures of suggested amounts to set aside and amount needed for cushion.

Census Data – Distributed info based on 2000 Census Data. Will bring back next month for further discussion.

Training Request –Suchomel requested permission to attend the Wisconsin Association of Nutrition Directors (WAND) training in Stevens Point May 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Motion by Benish to approve Suchomel attending the training, seconded by Williams. Motion carried.

Director's Report – Suchomel reported that SUN has received a \$1,000 grant from Alliant Energy for use in programming and education.

Auditors for SUN were here March 6th and 7th. Should have the completed audit report for the May meeting. Auditor will attend the meeting to present it to the SUN Board and answer any questions.

Crestridge Assisted Living Facility is having a health fair on April 19th and SUN will be having a booth.

Job Fair in Fennimore was a good education process and opportunity for volunteer/intern recruitment.

Received notice of additional funding that was available from AgeAdvantAge. Put in a request and have received word that SUN will be receiving an additional \$ 5495 to be used toward 2006 expenses.

Richard Roling, SUN Policy Advisory Council member, at his own expense, put an ad in the Round Up, Cuba City area free paper, to invite people to attend the Shullsburg and Benton meal sites. Darlington and Highland site managers have put fliers out to encourage people to attend their meal sites.

Policy Advisory Council (PAC) passed a motion to increase the suggested meal donation to \$3.25 per meal for congregate meals and to \$3.50 per meal for home delivered meals. Board agreed with the PAC recommendation and asked to have it put on the April agenda for their formal approval.

Suchomel invited board members to attend their local meal sites and encouraged them to let the office know ahead of time to get word out in the local papers to let people know that you are attending.

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Chairperson's Report – No report.

Vouchers - Motion by Taylor to approve all vouchers presented, seconded by Benish. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date & Adjournment – April 10, 2007, 1:00 p.m., Iowa County Courthouse.
Motion by Benish to adjourn until April 10, 2007, seconded by Taylor. Motion carried.