

Butler County Senior Services
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2021

A meeting of the Butler County Advisory Board was held March 31, 2021 in the Butler County Senior Services Boardroom at 10:45am. Chairperson Donna Steager called the meeting to order and stated a complete copy of the Open Meeting Act is on the Boardroom door. Advisory Board Members answering roll call were Donna Steager, Dorothy Schultz, Ethel Reha and Virgene Otte. Karen Fendrich was absent. Also present was Program Manager Diana McDonald and guest was Jeannie Zegers.

Virgene Otte made a motion to accept the minutes and the second was made by Ethel Reha.

The Center will reopen for meals and socialization April 1, 2021. Hours will be 8:00am-4:00pm with lunches being served at 12:00pm. We will continue to have to go meals thru April, but the pickup time will now be 10:45am.

Program Manager Diana McDonald explained to the members that a Grant was received from Aging Partners and new upright coolers for the kitchen were purchased. A Grant of \$2500 was received from the Area Foundation. A new gas stove and new steam table was purchased for the kitchen. The stove has 4 burners, a griddle and 2 ovens. A few renovations were made to the kitchen for these new items. Handyman Keith Wisnieski has been very instrumental in helping with these changes.

Aging Partners received Federal Covid Relief funds and shared those with area Senior Centers. The Center used those funds for shelf stable prepackaged meals. Those were distributed to the Home Delivered people and those that came in for pick up meals. The meals are nice for them to have on hand when the Senior Center is not open on holidays or snow days. Also Aging Partners was able to reimburse some of the cost for raw foods used in 2020 with the Federal Covid Relief funds.

A new awning has been ordered for the front door of the Senior Center. The Center has received donations from Dan & Kelsie Dobesh, Maxine & Willis Svoboda, Memorials in memory of Betty Dolezal, Jerome Slama, Maxine Riddle and Terry Grubaugh. Those donations will cover the cost of the new awning. The awning should be up by early May.

Two new vans were ordered in 2020 through NDOT. They also received Federal Covid Relief funds and the costs of the vans will be covered 100% by these funds.

Fundraisers were stopped in 2020 because of Covid. The Center is taking things slow with the reopening and hopes to start fundraising activities in May or June. The Center also hopes to have the Accordion players come back in June as long as there are no major outbreaks. The main focus of reopening is to be able to have the seniors come back to a place they feel is safe for them to socialize at. So we want to keep it that way for them by keeping a close watch on how the pandemic is fairing.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am and the next meeting is scheduled May 19th, 2021.