

ELGIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON SENIORS MEETING
729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL
Meeting of January 26, 2023, Minutes

The January 26, 2023 meeting of the Elgin Township Committee on Seniors was held in lower level of the Township building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Maggie Beyer at 7:00 p.m. Fred Haas led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pedro Echevarria gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: Committee members Maggie Beyer, Ed Dring, Pedro Echevarria, William Lucas, Bob Carlson, Carl Strathmann (arrived at 7:16), Marianne Rowe, Fred Haas, and Alfredo Ramirez were present, as well as Trustee Janet Rogalla (ex-officio). **Quorum was established.**

A. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

B. Approval of October 27, 2022 Minutes – Committeeman Carlsen motioned to approve minutes and Committeeman Rowe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Unfinished Business –

- Chairman Beyer spoke about Supervisor's worksheet of 2023 ideas
- Committeeman Rowe spoke about mentorship (Trustee Janet Rogalla and Trustee Eric Stare are working on this program).
- Senior mini-bus is almost road-ready for future use. Bus is an 11-passenger vehicle.
- Chairman Beyer spoke about the Senior Access Pass.

D. New Business

1. Review New RFP Request Form – Board approved all changes to form, Committeeman Ramirez motioned to approve, Committeeman Carlsen seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Review of 6-month reports/presentations from recipients of Senior Services Funding Application for Senior Service Funding

Centro de Información - Ms. Dianha Ortega-Ehreth spoke regarding update. 9 seniors in Elgin Township were helped, 14 seniors in city of Elgin were helped.

Dementia Friendly Elgin Area - Glenna Godinski and Dr. Susan Wesner spoke on behalf of the organization. Representatives spoke of giving Tote Bags, Medical File Keepers and Nail Files. GPS Tiles to locate wandering seniors was explained with cost of \$35 per Tile. Joy for All animatronic cat was explained on how it helps seniors with dementia. New website dementiafriendlyelginarea.org

UMAS (Universal Metro Asian Services) - Ms. Roshita Pandey and Ms. Urvashi Bhatt spoke regarding update. 40-50 Elgin Township residents requested more information/assistance.

Elgin Men's Shed - Mr. Paul Reardon spoke regarding update. Currently 24 active members, dues \$60 annually. The oldest being 92 years old. Helping by socializing and addressing Men's health and loneliness. Committeeman Rowe asked if it was exclusively a men's group and it is open to women as well. Mr. Reardon spoke about the women who are active in this group. Funds were also used for safety items. Lack of space was discussed due to growth of organization. Spoke about Game Days Event

Food for Greater Elgin - Mr. Michael Montgomery spoke regarding update. Example of a food box was presented. Discussion of the impact of inflation was held, 3,000 more requests year over year, eggs cost increase, national policy of elimination of COVID SNAP extension. Approximately 20,000 seniors are helped with food.

Senior Services Associates - Ms. Mickey Miller and Ms. Beth McClory spoke regarding update. 421 Elgin Township residents attended recreational events in 2022 funds were used for many purposes including but not limited to paying staff, marketing outreach and website maintenance.

Kane Senior Council - Ms. Tasha Samuels spoke regarding update. 390 Seniors were being helped, 77% of organization's goal. 22,000 meals and 12,000 well-being checks were performed last year. Senior dance party event was mentioned as a way of socialization.

E. FOIA, OMA and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Online - Deputy Clerk Mihalec updated committee of members status. Illinoisattorneygeneral.gov is the website to fulfill requirements. After members get their certificate, they are required to send to Deputy Clerk Mihalec.

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting will be on February 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Elgin Township offices, 729 McLean Blvd, Elgin, IL 60123

G. ADJOURNMENT/RECESS: Committeeman Carlsen moved to adjourn. Seconded by Committeeman Rowe. Motion carried, 9-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Dring

Edward Dring

Date