

Schaumburg Township Disability & Senior Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Ray at 7:01 pm.

II. Roll Call

Those in attendance were:

Carleen Emde

Andy Miller

Judi Murray

Marilyn Pande

Kathy Ray

Director Cordes

Assistant Director Borja

III. Approval of Minutes

Carleen Emde moved to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2024 meeting. Second by Marilyn Pande. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

IV Public Comments

None

IV. Reports

- a. Chairperson's Report None
- b. Trustee Liaison's Report None
- c. Director's Report

Director Cordes informed the committee that Linda Kasinger has resigned from the committee.

The Holiday Adoption program has 44 households who have submitted applications. So far there are approximately 30 donors. Applications will be taken through the end of October.

The DSS Social Services Team is currently scheduling LIHEAP appointments into December. Priority is being given to Open Enrollment clients from October 15 to December 7. Any resident who comes to us with an imminent disconnect or shut off notice will be referred to Welfare Services to ensure their application is processed right away and they avoid having their utilities disconnected.

Open Enrollment scheduling is currently into the middle of November. Due to low turnout last year, DSS is not scheduling late office hours this year. However, if a resident expresses a need for a later appointment, we will work to accommodate them.

Deaf Services is celebrating breast cancer awareness month and Halloween at this month's social/support group. We currently have a part-time Program Specialist position open for Deaf Services.

Disability & Senior programming is going well. The vaccination clinic on September 24 had over 40 people. Unfortunately, the pumpkin decorating event for kids with disabilities scheduled for October 17 had to be cancelled due to low interest. All programming happening at St. Peters Lutheran Church will transition to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on November 1 due to conflicts at St. Peters.

We will be taking a bus trip to Savannah, Georgia in May 2025. Registration information and details will be in the November/December Access Point and the December Town Crier.

V. Old Business

a. FY26 Funding Schedule

The applications are due by Tuesday, October 15. Representatives from some agencies will be at the next meeting to answer any questions about their applications.

b. Committee Priorities for 2024-2025

Several ideas were discussed for events to consider for seniors who don't have a large support system or feel lonely. It was decided to have a Coffee Chat in January 2025. This is for people to be able to have coffee and discussions with others without a preset agenda. Other ideas to consider for future events will be discussed at future meetings.

VI. New Business

a. Committee Member Comments/Questions None

VII. Adjournment

a. Motion to adjourn made by Carleen Emde. Second by Andy Miller. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:34PM.