

**Oneida County Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes**  
**May 15, 2008**

**Present:** Mary Martin, Matt Matteson , Janice Miller, Catherine Parker, Sonny Paszak, Jeanette Pederson, Pat C. Peters, Bill Schell, Carol White, Peter Wolk

**Staff:** Dianne Jacobson, Stephanie Schroeder

**Guests:** Maxine Meyers

**Call to order:** Called to order by D. Jacobson at 1:30 p.m. at the Oneida Senior Center. It was noted that the agenda was properly posted and the media notified.

**Approval of Agenda for May 15, 2008:** Motion by C. White to approve the agenda and take items out of order if needed, second by P. Wolk. Motion carried.

**Election of Officers for Term May 2008 – April 2009:**

Chairperson: Motion by S. Paszak to nominate M. Matteson. Motion by C. White to nominate P. Wolk. No other nominations were made. Motion by M. Martin to close nominations with a unanimous ballot. Motion carried. P. Wolk was elected by secret ballot.

P. Wolk took over conducting the meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson: Motion by S. Paszak to nominate M. Martin. No other nominations were made. Motion by P. Peters to close the nominations with a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson: Motion by M. Martin to nominate B. Schell. No other nominations were made. Motion by M. Martin to close nominations with a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer: Motion by M. Matteson to nominate S. Paszak. No other nominations were made. Motion by M. Martin to close nominations with a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Northern Area Agency on Aging (NAAA) Board Member and Alternate NAAA Advisory Council Member: Motion by B. Schell to nominate M. Martin. No other nominations were made. Motion by B. Schell to close nominations with a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Northern Area Agency on Aging (NAAA) Advisory Council member and Alternate NAAA Board Member: Motion by P. Peters to nominate B. Schell. No other nominations were made. Motion by M. Martin to close nominations with a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2008:** Motion by P. Peters to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting, second by P. Wolk, B. Schell, Motion carried.

**Dates of Future Meetings:** Since many of the Lakeland board and staff were scheduled for a bus trip on May 15<sup>th</sup> it was decided to postpone the COA meeting at the Lakeland Center until June 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be at 12:45 p.m. bus to leave the center at 11:15. Tentatively, those not taking the bus are C. White, P. Peters, B. Schell, and P. Wolk.

**Vouchers and Bills:** Motion by P. Peters to approve all vouchers and bills as presented, second by S. Paszak. Motion carried.

**Line Item Transfers:** Line item transfer in the amount of \$6,177 to transfer funding to the Benefit Specialist program, transfer in the amount of \$8,980 to apply grant balances to 2008 budget, transfer in the amount of \$927 to apply amended 2008 grant balances. Motion by M. Martin to approve the line item transfers for a total of \$16,084, second by B. Schell. Motion carried.

## Monthly Reports:

**Financial:** Report reviewed.

**Transportation:** Report reviewed. The number of riders is up considerably from this time last year. The free shopping bus has been restricted to either Wednesday or Friday per rider each week due to the large weekly demand. S. Paszak suggested D. Jacobson meet with Steve Heise to discuss possible alternatives. The voucher system has now started in the Lakeland area with Headwaters Inc. administering the program in conjunction with Disc Cab. This will greatly help people with disabilities get to work. An upcoming article will be in the Lakeland paper on this project. Our third bus is scheduled to start runs from the Senior Housing Apartments to the food pantry on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Also in the packet was a letter from the office of the Commissioner of Insurance who is considering a review of their policies so that volunteer drivers are not considered livery service and prohibited from driving.

**Nutrition:** Report reviewed. Lynn Papineau (Lynn's Catering) has moved one block west of where she was. Her new facility is completely refurbished and is a much better arrangement. She no longer has a bar and is only doing catering now.

**NAAA Monthly Report:** M. Martin reviewed. On the state level it has been proposed that in order to help reduce the deficit, Medicare would not pay for ambulance transports that were not medical emergencies. This service is essential for Medicaid beneficiaries, especially those who live in rural or low income areas. Contact Obey's office immediately to express concerns. The "NAAA transition board" is now in place and met April 30<sup>th</sup>. A new director will be selected by July 1<sup>st</sup> and the board will be much smaller.

**Senior Center Advisory Committee:** Report reviewed. After expenses, \$2,300 was made at the annual rummage sale. The Advisory Committee is now planning to sell watermelon slices at the "Relay for Life".

*Motion by C. White to approve the monthly reports as presented, second by S. Paszak. Motion carried.*

**New Benefit Specialist Hiring:** Jennifer George has been selected to fill the vacancy for Benefit Specialist. She is an Economic Support Specialist from Social Services and since they presently have two vacancies she will only be at OCDOA three days per week and then back at Social Services in order to fill in the mandated five Support Specialist positions there until permanent hires are made. Jennifer will attend a state training in Madison in June.

**Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program:** Susie Wegner has recently become certified as a Master Trainer for the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program (previously known as PACE). The Center will be hosting the first training on June 12<sup>th</sup>. C. Parker suggested a per class charge and C. White suggested a mileage reimbursement for attendees. D. Jacobson will investigate county options for reimbursing instructors that teach for the Dept. on Aging.

**Director's Monthly Report:** Report reviewed.

**Out-of-County Travel:** D. Jacobson to Wausau on May 16 to attend the Greater Wis. Alzheimer's Assoc. Board meeting. *Motion by M. Martin to approve the out-of-county travel, second by M. Matteson, Motion carried.*

**Public comments/communications:** None

**Adjourn:** *Motion J. Pederson to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m., second by B. Schell. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Schroeder  
Secretary

Sonny Paszak  
Secretary