

# MINUTES

## REEDLEY COMMISSION ON AGING

April 8, 2010

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Reedley Commission on Aging was called to order by Chairperson Ramirez at 8:37 a.m. at the Reedley Community Center, Sierra Room, 100 North East Avenue, Reedley, California.

2. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

A. **Commissioners Present:** Ruben Ramirez, Chairperson; Mary Vega, Vice Chairperson; Julia Lawrence; Alice Nakamura; Carl Smith.

B. **Commissioners Absent:** None.

C. **Staff Present:** Carol Martens, Senior Citizen Coordinator; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.

D. **Others Present:** None.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Vega that the March 11, 2010 minutes be approved. The motion carried.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

A. None.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. None.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **June Parking Lot Yard Sale** – Spaces are for sale now. Seven have been sold so far. New this year is the addition of a ½ sheet that contains the rules and regulations for sellers. They will be asked to bring it with them on the day of the sale. The Commission agreed to keep the food prices the same. If buying the cinnamon roll with coffee, no free refill on coffee. Denise will include information in both the Email Blast and on Facebook, for added exposure. Carol thanked Commissioner Smith for setting up the computer program for the yard sale. It is making it much easier for Liz to enter.

B. **Lunch for Volunteers Only** – Carol has been talking with Julie Whiteside with Golden Living Center in Reedley. They are willing to help our seniors in other ways, besides the Ice Cream Social. Carol needs to get together with her to see if they will help sponsor this event. Put on next month's agenda for continued discussion.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **May Potluck in Place of Congregate Meal** – Carol reported needing to serve 3000 congregate meals before the end of the fiscal year. That averages to 45 per day. As a means to make sure we use all of these up, it was suggested to serve the congregate food at a potluck. Carol has requested it be a good menu item, in order to attract more people. The time of the potluck may have to be adjusted, due to the requirement that

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the food needs to be served within 2 hour after leaving the kitchen. The Commission agreed that this was worth pursuing and may want to do it again in June if the number of meals remaining is still too high.

**8. POTLUCK REPORT**

**A. Planning for Month April 13, 2010 Potluck**

Volunteer of the Month: Newsletter Volunteers

Emcee: Carol will contact Lt. Garza to ask if he would be willing to emcee.

Food items: Lasagna, green salad, garlic bread

Door Prizes: Stash

Entertainment: Reedley High Choir – director confirmed.

**C. Planning for May 11, 2010 Potluck**

Volunteer of the Month: Congregate Meal volunteers

Emcee: Commissioner Ramirez

Food items: Congregate food. Pizza will be purchased for NJROTC students.

Door Prizes: Stash

Entertainment: Betty Crum and Ron Surabian – both are available.

Commissioner Smith will arrange for NJROTC to present colors.

**9. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Carol Martens, Senior Citizen Coordinator**

1) Invited to retirement dinner in May for Reedley College's Chancellor Tom Crow. Carol serves on committee which allows our programs to use transportation from the college at greatly reduced rates.

2) Calling people to come back for lunch. With the additional stimulus money, we need to serve all the meals. The menu has improved, so our numbers are going up.

3) Added two homebound recipients recently.

4) Reedley Pharmacy is closing soon. Shirow Sasaki is donating all bags to the Seniors to use. Carol just needs to pick them up by Friday.

5) Received a sample of a LED mini flashlight on a keychain. Carol suggested the Commission consider giving it as a volunteer gift.

6) A special hat was given to Commissioner Ramirez – WWII Veteran, Purple Heart recipient.

7) Three dates are being considered for the Senior Prom – June 18, 25, or 11, in that order. Blossom Trail Photography has volunteered to take pictures again this year. Reedley YMCA will sponsor, as well. Sal Gonzalez is on board to provide the music, at no cost. Participants will be encouraged to “wear their Sunday best” in an effort to stress dressing up, but not discourage those who do not have formal wear.

**10. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

A. None.

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11. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

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Ruben Ramirez, Chairperson

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Joel Glick, Community Services Director