

MINUTES

REEDLEY COMMISSION ON AGING

June 10, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Reedley Commission on Aging was called to order by Chairperson Ramirez at 8:35 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:** Joel Glick, Community Services Director; 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 Lawrence that the May 13, 2010 minutes be approved. The motion carried.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Several cards were received which contained donations to the senior program, in memory of Wanda Dawson. The family requested that any donations be sent to the Reedley Seniors. This is the first time that Carol is aware of that this has been done. It was very much appreciated. All agreed that Wanda will be dearly missed.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Recap of June Parking Lot Sale** – One man tripped on a speed bump and got quite a goose egg on his forehead. Two nurses who happened to be close by, looked him over. He was given ice to put on his forehead. Carol followed up with his granddaughter who indicated he had sought medical care.
Hotdogs sold were pure profit, as they were left over from another event. Approximately 80-100 cinnamon rolls were sold. There were several complaints from shoppers that there was no parking. Although Marge notified those attending the workshop, some may have parked in the wrong location, limiting space available for shoppers. New this year was a set of instructions that were given to each vendor. They were required to bring them with them that morning. It seemed to help. A casual survey was conducted by a couple of commissioners. They asked the vendors if they would be interested in returning if they had to bring their own tables. Since the Community Center isn't sure if there will be maintenance staff to assist with setting up and breaking down tables, it was important to find out if people would still be willing to participate. All agreed to come back with, or without the tables. There may be a price adjustment. That will be

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discussed at a later date.

- B. **Summer Hiatus** – It was agreed to take off July, but meet on a special date in August to start planning the next yard sale. They chose August 19th at 8:30 a.m. (3 weeks before the next scheduled yard sale). We will only have this one item on the agenda.
- C. **Senior Prom** – The second Reedley Senior Prom will be held next Friday, June 18th. The Reedley YMCA is again co-sponsoring this event and helping with decorations, greeting, clean up, etc. Sal Gonzalez has volunteered to DJ again. Denny Mason will take photos. Hydrangea silk flowers will be used for centerpieces. Mainstreet Café will be catering – pot roast, red potatoes, veggies, salad, roll. 55 seniors have already signed up. There was some discussion about corsages, but no silk flowers are available this year.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Trip to Shaver in Place of September Potluck** – There is a possibility that the congregate lunch group will have a potluck at Carol's cabin at Shaver Lake on September 17, 2010. Details will still need to be worked out.

8. **POTLUCK REPORT**

- A. **Report on June 10, 2010 Potluck** - All agreed it was very enjoyable. In place of potluck items, the congregate meal was served. The menu included beef stroganoff. It was a delicious meal for only \$1.50. Joleen Siebert provided the vocal entertainment.

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

- A. **Carol Martens, Senior Citizen Coordinator**
 - 1) Distributed 91 food boxes to Congregate Meal participants. FMAAA provided the food boxes, along with suggestions on how to cook with the food provided.
 - 2) Farmer's Market coupons will be distributed in the near future. Carol will need to go to Fresno to pick them up.
 - 3) After the building maintenance personnel and her part time office assistant are gone, Carol will have to figure out how to accomplish some of those duties – Homebound meal deliveries, phones, washing dishes, trash removal, reports, etc.
 - 4) A representative from HI-CAP made a presentation yesterday to the seniors about the "Donut Hole" in Medicare.
- B. **Joel Glick, Director**
 - 1) Many cuts were made to the Community Services Department as part of the 2010-11 Budget. Gilbert Betancourt will retire on October 6th (in 3 months), Alex Sandoval, Marge Littleton, and Daniel Moreno will work until June 30th. Part time personnel that will be leaving as of June

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30th include: 2 transit drivers, 1 senior assistant, and 4 building maintenance. In addition, Carol and Joel are both taking a 10% cut, and Sarah is getting a reduction in salary, as well. When asked, Joel indicated that no other department has taken this big of a hit. Joel stressed that we are still here to provide services to the community, but will need help with some of the cleanup, especially. For instance, Gleaners will need to clean up the kitchen area when they are done.

2) As July is Parks and Recreation Month, the Community Services Department will be making a presentation to City Council at the June 22, 2010 meeting. We will be bringing together community members, as well as staff to make the presentation. A planning meeting is scheduled for June 17th. We will have a co-meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Joel stressed that this presentation will be positive and not targeting any City Council member or Administrator. He suggested that they tell their personal story about how our programming has enriched their lives.

10. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

A. None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Ruben Ramirez, Chairperson

Joel Glick, Community Services Director