

Southwest Dane Outreach Board Meeting- August 18, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Pat Farrell at 5:40 pm. In attendance were Mary Ann Nelson, Charlotte Hefty, Lynn Forshaug, Pat Farrell, Dorothy Handrick, Cecile McManus, Cheryl Sutter and Amy Hall. Mary Ann Hopp was absent. (Leona Syvrud, the representative from the Town of Springdale has resigned from her position and Cheryl Sutter has replaced her.) The minutes from the July 14 meeting were reviewed. Mary Ann N. made a motion to accept the minutes and Dorothy H. seconded them.

Amy Hall compiled a spreadsheet and explained how the two options would work for the municipalities in deciding their 2022 and future contributions. The first option shows a contribution increase of 20% for 2022 and 2023, a 3.4% increase for 2024 and a 3.3% increase for 2025 and 2026. The second option asks for a 10% increase for 2022 through 2026. The two options show how much money would come out of the Fund Balance account at the end of each year. The Fund Balance account would deplete very quickly without a significant contribution from all of the municipalities each year. Cheryl S. made a motion to recommend a 20% increase from the municipalities for the 2022 budget. Dorothy H. seconded the motion. Lynn will include the spreadsheet in the letter that will be sent to all of the municipalities when asking for their 2022 contribution.

Lynn has applied for a \$1,500.00 grant from the Mt. Horeb Community Foundation for the monthly newsletter.

A new "Mask Mandate" goes into effect on August 19, 2021 for all of Dane County businesses.

RSVP of Dane County is going to be mandating that ALL PASSENGERS riding with RSVP Driver Escorts to medical appointments be vaccinated by Oct. 15, 2021. All of the Driver Escorts had to be vaccinated before they could resume driving in June, 2021. Letters will be sent to all current RSVP passengers to have them sign paperwork and send these papers and a copy of their vaccination card back to RSVP. This precaution will enable seniors and drivers to stay safe and yet utilize this important service. RSVP is hoping that with this safety precaution in place, they will be able to recruit more volunteers to transport seniors to their appointments.