

# MINUTES

## REEDLEY COMMISSION ON AGING

Thursday, January 14, 2010

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Reedley Commission on Aging was called to order by Chairperson Ramirez at 8:33 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.

B. **Commissioners Absent:** Excused – Carl Smith.

C. **Staff Present:** Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Carol Martens, Senior Citizen Coordinator; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.

D. **Others Present:** Others present.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Vega that the December 10, 2009 minutes be approved. The motion carried.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

A. None.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. None.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Sweetheart Breakfast Planning** - Carol sent out 16 letters to businesses seeking donations for the raffle. K-Jewel radio will allow Carol a 17 second PSA that will run for a week, 3 times a day. The Commission chose the week of February 8 – 12 to run the announcement. She will also submit the information to KMPH for their community calendar. Reedley Country Inn has donated a 1 night stay; Tachi Palace donated a 1 night stay, dinner for 2 and a spa certificate. Other prizes will be pulled from the stash, as well as personal contact with some local merchants. St. La Salle School will allow the Commission to set up a table at the annual auction on February 6<sup>th</sup> to sell tickets for the breakfast. Denise will make a couple of large posters for the doors. Fliers will be distributed the first of February. Golden Living Center will again be donating the eggs – 70 dozen! Commissioner Vega will check on the price for ham at Town and Country Market – she will look for good sale prices so it can be purchased at the best price. Carol will ask local fast food restaurants for syrup donations. There is a small supply left over from last year that can be used to supplement if the donations don't come through. Tickets have been printed – 300 so far. If more are needed, notify Denise who will print them. Denise will check helium level for balloons that will be used for decorations. Craft class, as well as a few others will be asked to help decorate. Advertising about the event was included in the city newsletter that will be mailed to households the first part of February. It was also contained in the Leisure Guide that will be mailed today. A note will be included in the Community Calendar of the Reedley Exponent. No paid ad

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will be utilized.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon** – Carol suggested sponsoring a Volunteers (only) breakfast or lunch to take the place of the former Volunteer Breakfast hosted by the Police and Fire Departments. It could be a dessert time or a meal, during the week or on a Saturday, in the summer or winter. Chairperson Ramirez suggested that the Commission think about this idea and bring it back at the next meeting. The Commission agreed.

8. **POTLUCK REPORT**

- A. **Report on January Potluck – January 12, 2010** – Lasagna, green salad, garlic bread was served. Mayor Fast was on hand to congratulate each volunteer. Volunteers each received appreciation award certificates from Senator Dave Cogdill and Representative George Radanovich, as well as a pen and 2010 datebook from the Commission on Aging. Approximately 80 seniors attended and were entertained with accordion music.
- B. **Planning for February Potluck – February 9, 2010**  
Emcee: Carl Smith  
Food items: Enchilada Casserole from Juanito's, Spanish rice, beans.  
Door Prizes: Stash.  
Entertainment: RHS ROTC Color Guard – Commissioner Smith will coordinate. Carol was contacted by Stacy Phillips, Deputy District Attorney Fraud Division who will be speaking about life insurance annuity scams targeting seniors.  
Volunteer of the Month: Motion by Commissioner Vega, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to recognize the Gleaner Ladies – Midori Nishida, Irma Pattee, Dolores Edward, and Yvonne Burgin. Motion carried. This is a new way to recognize volunteers and will call attention to this area of volunteerism.
- C. **Planning for March Potluck – March 9, 2010**  
Emcee: Carol Martens  
Food items: Fried chicken.  
Door Prizes: Stash  
Entertainment: Muskrat Ramblers from Reedley High School.  
Volunteer of the Month: Table until next month. May want to honor several as a way to feature another group.

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

- A. **Carol Martens, Senior Citizen Coordinator**
- 1) The congregate lunch numbers are the lowest Carol has seen – only 19 today. Most likely it is because of the meals that are not appealing to the participants. Carol has complained and will continue to complain.
  - 2) A lot of our seniors are now in Sierra View Homes and Palm Village. Carol is visiting them monthly.
  - 3) She will be making home visits to the homebound this month.

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- 4) FMAAA should be here this month to inspect.
- 5) Will do another training with her volunteers. She commended them for doing a great job checking food temperatures, etc.
- 6) A great turnout for the two computer classes through the Adult School – more students than computers for the first class (instructor will bring some laptops to fill in); and 12 signed up for the website class.
- 7) Blood Bank today at the Community Center.
- 8) The Spring Trip will be revealed today.
- 9) Cruisers meal today at 4:00 p.m.
- 10) About 300 turned out for the flu shot clinic yesterday (H1N1 and regular)
- 11) Diabetic Support Group will meeting again next Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
- 12) Meeting next week for the Oversight Bond Committee that she serves on for State Center Community College District.
- 13) Carol will order new nametags for the Commission. Asked who needed one.

**B. Joel Glick, Director**

- 1) Invited the Commission to come out for the Sneak Peak of the new Reedley Sports Park on Saturday, January 30, 2010 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. A hotdog lunch will be provided. This event will also serve as another public meeting for the pool grant.
- 2) At the City Council meeting on Tuesday night, Mayor Mary Fast complimented Carol, her staff and volunteers for organizing such a wonderful potluck that honored the volunteers. Joel Glick commended Carol and the Commission on making the senior program run so trouble-free.

**10. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

A. None.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 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