

MINUTES
REEDLEY COMMISSION ON AGING
Thursday, May 18, 2011

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Reedley Commission on Aging was called to order by Chairperson Ramirez at 8:39 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; Carl Smith; Vera 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 Carl Smith and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence that the March 3, 2011 minutes be approved. The motion carried.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

A. None.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. None.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Senior Prom Wrap Up** – Very positive comments were received – very enjoyable, good socializing, great pictures, excellent food, very nice corsages, great volunteers – YMCA Committee, Sal Gonzalez and First Mennonite Youth Group. The Exponent ran a very nice article titled, “Senior Prom Dazzles the Young at Heart.” Everyone agreed to hold this event next year.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Spring Yard Sale Planning** – Two Commissioners announced they will be unavailable during the next yard sale – June 4th. Both Commissioner Ramirez and Commissioner Vega will be out of town. Carol announced that Doug Martens won't be able to lift anything (recent surgery). We may need to recruit more help. Commissioner Carl Smith suggested forming a committee for the yard sale to get more people involved. This could also be done for other larger events. The committee could meet independent of the Commission and also come to the Commission meetings to coordinate. This may help those volunteers feel more a part of the planning process. Food will remain the same – Cinnamon rolls (Denise to ask Margaret Netherton to bake them), hotdogs, nachos, popcorn, sodas, coffee and water. Carol suggested bagging up cookies to sell, as well. So far 20 spots have been sold. Placement of Exponent ad may have something to do with low response. Staff contacted previous participants

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to let them know space is still available.

8. POTLUCK REPORT

A. Report on March Potluck

Held in the Senior room. An accordian player was the entertainment.

B. May Potluck - Canceled due to low sign ups.

C. Planning for next Potluck – September or October

Date and specifics to be determined at next meeting (June).

9. STAFF REPORTS

A. Carol Martens, Senior Citizen Coordinator

- 1) Invited the Commission to hold their next meeting at her cabin at Shaver Lake on June 9th. Other seniors will be invited to come up on June 10th for the day.
- 2) A one-time grant was received from FMAAA and will be used to hire a part time employee to help with the nutrition program. Funding will only allow her to be paid through the end of this fiscal year. In addition, new chairs for the senior room will be purchased. They are \$87 per chair, have arms, vinyl seats (which will clean up easier) and a cloth back.
- 3) Staff and volunteers attended a food safety training recently.
- 4) Wants to plan a Memorial Luncheon to honor those seniors who were involved at the Senior Center that passed away this past year. This will be scheduled after the new fiscal year starts.

B. Denise Phariss, for Joel Glick

- 1) Invited the Commission to attend the public meeting to apply for a grant to build the 4-Plex Baseball/Softball fields at the Sports Park. The meeting will be held on June 4, 2011 at the Sports Park.
- 2) Boys and Girls Club are holding their Open House on Friday, May 20th at 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend.
- 3) The City will not open the City swimming pool this year. All lessons and recreational swim have moved to Reedley College. Due to scheduling limitations, classes will be reduced and recreation swim will only be 3 days per week.

10. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

A. Commissioner Ramirez – Attended Reedley High School awards night where certificates, medals and scholarships were given.

B. Commissioner Carl Smith

- 1) On June 8th the American Legion will recognize one boy and one girl from each middle school. They have been chosen for their leadership, civic involvement, scholastic achievements, and loyalty.
- 2) The next tri-tip fundraiser for the Reedley Area Veterans will be on August 5th. August 1st will be the last day to buy tickets. Over 370 tri tips were sold last time.

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11. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Ruben Ramirez, Chairperson