Call to Order: Maxine called the meeting to order to order

Members present: Lisa Joyce, Maxine Beecher, Carol Kilroy; Kristen Barth, Susan Henderson and guests Kathy Adams, Jill Vaughn.

There was not a quorum of 5 voting members.

Members introduced themselves as Jill is new to the group and would like to be a member. Ryan Frazier is also seeking to be a member. We have two open positions. Kathy Adams would like to be a citizen participate but not a voting member.

Minutes, Financial report.

No action was taken on the May Minutes or Financial report.

AFSP did receive the AARP grant. It cannot yet be announced to the public. The Council postponed accepting donations because it was after 11PM and the meeting adjourned before the item came up, but it will be on the next meeting agenda. The time frame for the grant is July 1 to Nov. 11, 2022.

Old Business:

Snow not discussed

Discussion of Workgroups (no quorum)

Housing:

Home repair: Maxine is waiting to hear from the Housing Authority to get the go ahead to help publicize their home repair program.

The SP Housing Authority’s home repair program was discussed in relation to the Data Dash-Board Project of Fall Prevention and Fall Intervention. The home repair program was linked to the Falls Intervention. After an SP Rescue Unit call for a fall, the goal is to get the person who fell to agree to a home assessment to try to prevent falls in the future. Representatives from the city are discussing a plan to imbed an Amer-Corp Volunteer into the Fire department. The volunteer would be trained to assess a home for fall risk and to recommend actions which might include a referral for home repair and perhaps include further recommends such as a plan for falls education and strengthening for the person who fell.

The Falls Prevention Program is ongoing with classes such as a Matter of Balance and Tai Chi being brought to the library (under Health and Community, Lisa) and to the Community Center. Education is ongoing about how to prevent falls and what kind of help can be obtained to help prevent the falls, either in home repair or physical strengthening and habits. AFSP can continue to share what is happening in Sentry articles and also make previously developed materials continuously available. (for example, the Fall prevention video made with Ann Guest and the panel discussion filmed last fall. It was suggested that there be links to these videos on our Facebook Page or our website. It was noted that these videos need to be accessible to those who do not have cable TV. (Carol agreed to be responsible,
under Communication, to see that we got two articles a month in the Sentry. I think Carol was also willing to see where we could put the videos? Could we use u-tube? Does the city have a site? We need to communicate more with the Community Center and integrate what they are doing in our education programs such as Sentry articles.

Those present concurred that it is critical that we follow through and do the Balance Event (Chad, under Health can Community) as part of Fall Prevention. It was felt that this should be achieved by early Fall. Jill and Kathy offered to really work to make this program a success along with Chad and Jason. Jill said her husband, as an orthopedic surgeon might be able to help. This needs to have a priority in planning.

Handicapped Access Matching Grant: (Jana, Sue) Lisa suggested that the goal should be having Alpha I do an accessibility audit of business that would be for their own use only and not be made public. Grant money could be used to fund this project. We would need to talk with Alpha I about the cost. An alternative is designing a survey for business owners to complete with Jana and Bernadette developing the questions. Bernadette did express willing to help with developing the survey. The project would need to be made appealing to the businesses. Alpha I has information available about low interest loans to businesses and a matching grant could be offered through our funds. After some ideas are more firmed up for an audit or a survey, we should meet with Bill Mann and coordinate with his role in Economic Development. The time frame is to pull together over the summer.

Transportation:

Carol is on the city’s Transit Advisory Committee and also Metro traffic committees so she needs to be in the communication loop of transportation issues

Pedestrian Traffic Safety Initiative: (Tony, Jana, Sue, Karen) waiting on direction from Tony, now that grant will be accepted

ITN/Other Transportation Service Account (Lisa, Maxine) in discussion

Health and Community:

SMAA Tai Chi and Matter of Balance ongoing as possible with need for instructors (Lisa)

Historical Project on hold for now

Farm Share: Lisa is signing up with Alewives Farms and we will be asked to write a check in July

Communication:

Carol is coordinating Sentry articles

Sue us going to talk with Becca, Chair Board of Health and ask about the scope and status of their community assessment and see if input from our group could be helpful.

New Business: None

Adjourned 8 pm, Sue recording