**Wayne Aging at Home**

Committee Meeting Minutes May 2, 2022

Location: Wayne Community Church

**Members present:**

Stan Davis, Jane Davis, Pam Chenea, Stephanie Merrill, Patricia Ender, Deborah Emery, Cindy Gyorgy by phone.

**Personnel:**

Pam is planning for a knee replacement in September. Deborah has agreed to take on Pam’s duties during her recovery.

**Church Space:**

Our contract for use of the downstairs church space will begin in July. We will know if we have received the AARP grant on June 29th. Deborah has offered to join Pam in discussions with pastor Angela to work out many of the details which still remain. The church wants to know in advance when the space will be used, so we will need to work out a schedule that accommodates the fluctuating hours that are part of our program. Taking into account the suggestions from our survey, Pam drew up a potential schedule to include some morning hours, some afternoon hours and some weekend hours. She is paid for 12 hours a week, but works longer hours some weeks, and shorter hours other weeks. Volunteers will need to cover some of our open hours and events. At this time, the church is requiring that visitors wear masks, which may affect our ability to hold lunches or coffees. The most requested and popular services, as taken from our survey, are educational programs and coffee times.

A brainstorming session resulted in a list of potential educational programs:

* Creating documents such as wills, living wills, powers of attorney, etc.
* Travelogues by those who have visited unique and interesting places
* Cooperative Extension programs on nutrition or cooking
* Cooking classes
* Someone presenting their hobby
* Wayne town history
* Book discussions, perhaps in concert with the church
* Tour of the Alice room, with a presentation about Lewis Carroll’s books
* The ins and outs of technology – questions and answers
* Tai Chi demonstration at the Strawberry Festival

We might want to set up a Program Committee to plan events

Pam will need a good Internet connection in her office at the church. Stan determined that we or the church could buy wi-fi routers to extend the church’s Internet service to the lower level of the building. It should not be very expensive.

**Volunteers:**

Pam has a list of people who have expressed an interest in volunteering. We will try to utilize their good will whenever practicable. One job that Pam currently needs help with is the mailing of her monthly notices to around 18 people without a computer.

**Other business:**

Deborah has an extra frozen turkey, left over from last year’s holiday dinner outreach. She proposed using the church kitchen to make a large batch of soup, which could be frozen in individual portions to be distributed when needed. Jane offered to help.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Davis, Secretary