



Promoting Quality of Life for Persons with
Developmental and Related Disabilities

THE OZAUKEE COUNTY ARC

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Meeting Notice

Monday, February 4, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Portal Industries, 1015 Cedar Creek Rd., Grafton

MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE

You will notice in the December 2007 meeting minutes that are included at the end of this newsletter, regular meetings will be scheduled only six times per year. They will be held on the even numbered months of the year, starting with February. This schedule will allow for meetings at the appropriate times in order to act on the quarterly grant requests and will also include the annual banquet in June.

If business arises that needs attention during the other months, the president can contact the board members or call a special meeting.

DONATION TO OCARC

Our organization recently received a \$500 donation from the North Shore Congregational Church on Santa Monica Boulevard in Fox Point. They wanted to show their support for the work that we do.

A thank you letter was sent to them. Our records show that we also received a donation from them in 2004. We are appreciative of support from caring friends like these in the community-at-large.

GRANT REQUESTS

On the agenda for this February meeting will be the awarding of 1st quarter grants. There are two requests to discuss.

One is from Balance, Inc. that requests funding to help with the expansion of the Ozaukee County Summer Recreation Program for Children with Developmental Disabilities. Balance wants to expand the program to include children who are not eligible due to their age. They do not anticipate any county funding and will not use any funding from the current

summer recreation program which we have supported for many years.

The other request is from the Logemann Community Center in Mequon for the Special Friends group. They will use the funds to assist in hiring entertainers, marketing and promotions, and will cover some of the rental costs to provide space for the group.

THANK YOU LETTER FROM NEW FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The new Friendship Club which started at the Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon this past summer received one of our 4th quarter grants in 2007. A thank you letter from their director, Janice Klemz is quoted below.

“Thank you for the \$300 grant you provided for our Friendship Club. This December we held a special event for our Club. As part of the event, we packed 11 CARE packages for our soldiers in Iraq. We included books and DVDs which were all donated by our Friends and volunteers. We used a portion of the \$300 to purchase ‘comfort’ items to include in the box and for the cost of shipping overseas. Our Friends learned to help others and express our appreciation for our troops.”

Editor’s note: The Crossroads Friendship Club is the third one in Ozaukee County. The other two are in Cedarburg and Port Washington. It is an ecumenical bible study/social group for adults with developmentally disabilities. The membership keeps growing and you can see from the article above how the Friendship Clubs provide another dimension to the lives of our special needs friends and family members.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OZAUKEE COUNTY

Ross Rintelman, Portal Participant

Volleyball All the volleyball teams had a good fall season. The Falcons took 2nd place at the district volleyball tournament. Of the other teams, the Eagles took 2nd place. There was a drawing and the Eagles went to State this year. It was held in Waukesha on December 1st. They took 2nd place at State. I'm very proud of all the teams that we had this year.

Basketball The Eagles basketball team played at Sheboygan South High School on Sunday, January 6, 2008. This was an invitational for all Special Olympics from different counties.

There were no winners or loser brackets. It is like a practice game with the different teams we played. The Ozaukee Eagles lost one game 17-37 vs. the Lakers. The second game was pretty good. We ended up with a 18-18 tie at the end of the 4th quarter. In overtime, we beat the Sizzlers 24-18. So we ended up with 1 win, 1 loss, and 1 tie at this invitational. Thank you, Ross.

OCARC MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2008

Thanks to you who have sent in your membership dues for the current year. A membership form will be included with the newsletter for the rest of you. If you know of any potential new members, they can use a copy of the same form or the one off of our website.

The membership year in OCARC is the same as the calendar year, January 1 to December 31. Our updated membership roster will have to be sent to the state ARC soon.

EXPANDED TAXI HOURS

The Ozaukee County shared-ride taxi has extended hours of operation! Ozaukee County shared-ride taxi now has evening hours available Monday – Friday until 9 pm.

2008 hours of operation

Sunday 8 am – noon

Monday – Friday 5:30 am – 9 pm

Saturday 8:30 am – 6 pm

Please call **262-238-taxi (8294) or 262-284-taxi (8294)** to arrange for service. Advance arrangements are appreciated.

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF OZAUKEE COUNTY Now Open for Business!

On January 2, 2008, the former Ozaukee County Department on Aging officially opened its doors as an Aging and Disability Resource Center. In the past, the department served primarily those individuals age 60 and older in Ozaukee County. Services have now been expanded to include individuals from age 18-60 who have a physical or developmental disability. The Aging and Disability Resource Center provides a number of services that allow individuals to experience life with dignity, respect and purpose.

The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Ozaukee County is designed to offer the following services:

Information and assistance. We provide information to people regarding services, resources, and programs in areas such as: disability and long-term care related services and living arrangements, health and behavioral health, adult protective services, employment and training for people with disabilities, home maintenance, nutrition and Family Care. Resource Center staff can also provide assistance in connecting individuals with these services. We will also assist people in applying for public benefits such as; SSI, Food Stamps, and Medicaid as needed.

Long-Term Care Options Counseling. The Aging and Disability Resource Center staff offer consultation and advice about options available to meet an individual's long term care needs. This

consultation includes discussion of the factors (such as the cost of services, housing options, your financial resources, your personal needs, etc) to consider when making long-term care decisions.

Benefits Counseling. The Aging and Disability Resource Center provides accurate and current information on private and government benefits and programs. This includes assisting individuals when they have questions or when they need help with the processes of accessing Medicare, Social Security, or other benefits. Assistance is also available when an individual runs into problems with their existing benefits.

Emergency Response. The Aging and Disability Resource Center will assure that people are connected with someone who will respond to urgent situations that might put someone at risk, such as a sudden loss of a caregiver or reported abuse.

Prevention and Early Intervention. The Aging and Disability Resource Center promotes effective prevention efforts to keep people healthy and independent. By offering both information and intervention activities, the Aging and Disability Resource Center helps individuals focus on reducing the risk of disabilities. This may include a program to review medications or nutrition, a home safety review to prevent falls, or offering appropriate fitness programs for older people or people with disabilities.

Access to the Family Care Benefit. For people who request it, the Aging and Disability Resource Center will administer the Long-Term Care Functional Screen to assess the individual's level of need for services and eligibility for the Family Care benefit. Once the individual's level of need is determined, the Aging and Disability Resource Center will provide advice about the options available to him or her—to enroll in Family Care or a different case management system to stay in the Medicaid fee-for service system (if eligible), or to privately pay for these services. If the individual chooses Family Care, the Aging and Disability Resource Center will help to enroll the person in this program.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Ozaukee County is open Monday-Friday from 8:30AM – 5:00PM. We are also able to offer after hours appointments to meet the needs of working families should this be needed. If there's anything we can help you with, please feel free to call or stop in!

We are located on the third floor of the Administration Center attached to the Ozaukee County Courthouse at:
121 W. Main Street Port
Washington, WI 53074.

Please contact us at: (262) 238-8120 (Metro line) or (262) 284-8120.

OCARC MINUTES
December 3, 2007

These minutes have not been approved. They will be reviewed at the February 2008 meeting.

Vice-President Karen Nadolski called the meeting to order at 7:18 P.M., with 9 members present.

Secretary's report:

The October meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Karen Nadolski to approve the minutes, seconded by Marge Kreienbrink, and approved by all.

Treasurer's report:

There is \$12,042.424 in the checking account and there are two \$10,000 certificates of deposit. One is for \$11,385.77 and the other is \$10,989.00 with total funds of \$34,417.01. A motion was made by Laurie Williams to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Ray Cary, and approved by all.

Unfinished Business:

- **Executive Director** - The discussion on the position of Executive Director for OCARC will be tabled until a spring meeting. We discussed making a list of duties that we would want an Executive Director to be responsible for, and again, this is tabled for now.
- **Meeting Schedule Change** - Laurie Williams made a motion to meet on the even months of the year, starting February 2008, and to continue to hold these meetings on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Ray Cary and after a general discussion, it was approved by all. Starting in 2008 we will have meetings the first Monday of February, April, June, August, October, and December.
- **Raffle prize** - Laurie Williams made a motion to keep the \$250.00 won from the raffle tickets purchased from the Arc Wisconsin in our general fund until a need arises for a specific use. Ray Cary seconded the motion, and after a general discussion it was approved by all.
- **ADRC** - Howard Mulloy states the Adult Disabilities Resource Center will be up and running on January 1st. Community Care is expected to start on March 1, 2008 and a transition period of six months is anticipated.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 P.M. by Vice-President Nadolski.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Williams
Secretary