

ITASCAS Meeting
Friday, June 10, 2011
Minutes

Attendance: Amy Zavala, McHenry Township, Desiree Scully-Simpkins Oak Park Township, Peg Miller DuPage Township, Barbara Kurth-Schuldt, Hanover Township, Jay Madalon, Wheatland Township, Kris Freeman, Wheeling Township

Barbara Kurth-Schuldt, Hanover Township **Called Meeting to Order:** 10:40a.m.

- Review the previous meeting minutes...Correction to Desiree Scully-Simpkins Township. It should be Oak Park Township in whole document

April Meeting Minutes approved-

- Peg Miller DuPage Township motion to approve
- 2nd Desiree Scully-Simpkins Oak Park Township-

Financial Report- presented by Peg Miller DuPage Township

- Peg Miller DuPage Township motion to approve
- 2nd - Kris Freeman, Wheeling Township

Education Committee Report-Amy Peg and Jay gave the report.

TOI Presentations for ITASCSC at the November 2011 Conference-

Successful Marketing Ideas for Boomers and Beyond

Monday, November 7 at 10:30 to 12 Noon

Presented by Mary Swanson, Director Maine Township Senior Services and Tracey Colagrossi, Program Manager, Hanover Township Senior Services

This session is geared to assist your township in reaching out the fastest growing population; Boomers and Beyond. Learn how to best market your programs through special events, sponsorships, publications and social media. By the end of the session, you will have great ideas on how to format your printed publications, easy and free ideas for social media, how to go about getting sponsorships to subsidize programs, and promote your programs effectively with excitement!

Organ and Tissue Donation: Learn Fact from Fiction and How YOU Can Save Lives

Monday, November 7, 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Presented by donor program staff from Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White's Office

This session will discuss important facts about organ and tissue donation including how many people a single donor can help (its more than you may think), personal stories from those whose lives have been touched by donation, and information on easily registering your donor decision in Illinois! Learn what myth is and what's true in this informative presentation on donation. We will offer a short question and answer session at the end of the presentation.

Contact Info: Jay Madalon, Wheatland Township, jaym@wheatlandtownship.com

Senior Programs on a Shoestring Budget

Tuesday, November 8, 9:30-11:30

Presented by Peg Miller, Senior Director DuPage Township & AARP Driving Instructor; Rick Kinner, Gardner Township Assessor & Senior Activity Coordinator; Amy Zavala, Activity Director McHenry Township & Senior Services Advocates

Your township does not have to have a huge senior center, full time employees, a big budget, and programs 24/7 to offer services to your senior population. Rural townships can offer services and a wide

array of programs (ex. AARP Driving Course) to their senior residents. Learn from the ITASCSC's group members what works and how to go about planning to serve your smaller senior center on a dime.

- We had to put the sessions together rather quickly because of the July due date. Peg Miller DuPage Township suggested that in February we talk about TOI educational topic...so we are not rushed. Remember this!
- Good on money for next year's meetings. Especially since we are not spending anything on presenters this year. We are doing the presenting.
- Peg Miller DuPage Township suggested next year some of our meeting will have educational/a presenter for the group's education. will meet before the TOI conferences to get details together???
 - We should pick some at next meeting...bring ideas everyone.
- Jay Madalon, Wheatland Township saw the organ presentation and said it will work very well.
- Peg Miller DuPage Township talked about getting the AARP resources as a student for her presentation with Amy & Rick.
 - Green to ride the bus.
 - Driving tests and how they pass people who might not be passable.
- Kris Freeman, Wheeling Township-FYI: they will read the driving test to you if you ask. Go on slow day at the DMV.

Discussion About: Dropping off seniors that should not be at the center-more at day care.

- Concern as a future trend because people don't have the money to pay for services. This went into details but I did not catch it all...input by all.

New Business (I think)

Legislation-

Desiree Scully-Simpkins Oak Park Township went to this really good meeting recently- Go to this website: Illinoispartners.gov Google it not sure if it is spelled this way.

- The participants consisted of professionals concerned about advocacy at state level. Capitol Hill reporter.
- DHS getting biggest hit-Cuts to Social services
- Governor calling emergency session this summer to finalize funding issues
- They touched grant \$ (school money) meaning all things are being cut, not just seniors.
- State: Pay bill 2 a year-us the vendors... meaning agencies front the money

Kris Freeman, Wheeling Township

- The state is not funding respite care anymore...mother with 2 disable adult kids is now at a big loss.

Question from Peg Miller DuPage Township

- Since they are not paying for some programs anymore are they just waiting for those programs to fold and people to try to find help elsewhere? Why? How?

Answered from Desiree Scully-Simpkins Oak Park Township

- Now the State is just asking what do we have to support by Law (only)-those things will be funded first.

Peg Miller DuPage Township says

- Moving to Township Govt. because we have our own revenue source. Yet, we get less money because of all the foreclosure.

Discussion when all over the board a bit hard to follow-

Barbara Kurth-Schuldt, Hanover Township –

- Sponsors for things your centers try to find- from community...businesses.
- Free enterprise system those that have should give
- Planned giving program-to benefits the senior center that they senior use daily.

Kris Freeman, Wheeling Township

- Mentality turned around-now people pay for their leisure good. However, we still have the responsibility

Desiree Scully-Simpkins Oak Park Township & Jay Madalon, Wheatland Township said-

- Townships must do GA and Highway? No just GA everything else is extra.
- Maybe putting assessors back to county department

Rides-affordability no agency can do it that's why Townships do it.

Social services no money

Activities-money is a wash

Peg Miller DuPage Township -continuity of care

Question from Kris Freeman, Wheeling Township

- What can you do if a senior is being used by a lover?

Answered by Desiree Scully-Simpkins Oak Park Township

- not much if they won't press charges

Annual Meeting Location:

Barbara Kurth-Schuldt, Hanover Township starts

- Hospitality Room that Hanover Township said they would sponsor is a no go.
- Hanover apologetic for not being able to host. So we will not have our November meeting there.
 - So Barb looking into reservation at Meeting for ITASCSC at TOI conference on Tuesday, November 8, Saputo's Restaurant in Springfield. She will let us know.

Old Business

Barbara Kurth-Schuldt, Hanover Township said she will ask Tracey President- to email us about the Hanover and NIU conference “best practice...”

??? Road trip to see new software with PACE Trapeze at Rich Township

- Will it be happening this summer? Sally get in touch with Tracey to set up something if possible please.

Last minute thoughts about transportation... Barbara Kurth-Schuldt, Hanover Township - JARC & New freedom are transportation grants you can apply for.- on transportation website.

- \$ to get if you get a transportation to get disable people to and from work.

End Meeting

- Desiree Scully-Simpkins Oak Park Township-motion to adjourn meeting
- Barbara Kurth-Schuldt, Hanover Township 2nd the motion

Meeting Ended: 11:55a.m.