

## **Kane County Senior Resources**

### Minutes from the meeting held January 12, 2006

Networking began at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting of the KCSR was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Roger Carr, President.

Roger thanked last year's Board and introduced the KCSR Board for 2006:

President – Roger Carr, Home Instead Senior Care

Vice President – Jonathon Johnson, Law Elder Law

Treasurer – Kathy Wetters, Right at Home

Secretary – Liz Wiggins, Delnor Home Health Care

The Board will meet on the first Thursday of the month beginning February 2 at the Panara in Batavia.

Roger thanked Dipthi Thakkar from Patient Care Home Health for providing refreshments.

There were no minutes from the December meeting because it was our holiday party.

Members and guests introduced themselves, Roger requested that introductions/announcements be limited to 15 seconds.

Today's meeting is a business meeting and no speaker is scheduled. Next month, Dr. O'Compo will give a presentation about dementia – he is said to be an excellent speaker.

### Committee Reports

Legislative Committee – Eric Weakly

- Eric thanked those who attended the forum on December 3, special thanks to Heritage Woods, Towerhill and Asbury Gardens for providing refreshments.
- 75-80 people attended the forum and there was a good discussion of Medicare Part D and the Kane County referendum, many questions were generated.
- Also discussed was the White House Conference on Aging in which approximately 50 resolutions have been proposed regarding an integrated system of care that includes transportation and mental health services.
- Connie from Elder Law Center reported on a current bill in the legislation regarding Medicaid eligibility which could be devastating to long-term care facilities.
- Eric announced that Rachel's Place in Aurora will not be closing as anticipated thanks to intervention by the Mayor.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Wetters

- The current balance is \$4063.89.

### New Business

- The group's mission statement was reviewed (see web site) and goals for the upcoming year were discussed. The membership agreed that it is important to promote our organization so that we can better serve senior and their caregivers by providing education and referrals. It was suggested that a marketing/PR committee be formed and Jane Johnson of Heritage Woods agreed to chair the committee.
- It was also suggested that a committee be formed to review the by-laws. Eric Weakly volunteered and will ask Royce Blackwell to serve with him.
- It was recommended that a program chairperson be designated to schedule/coordinate speakers for the group. Those present agreed that it would be good for members to form panels of like services to provide education and answer questions (i.e. during one meeting, each of the members who provide Assisted Living services would make a brief presentation about their facility and then would be available for questions about that level of care) It was suggested that the speaker(s) for a given meeting would also provide refreshments.
- A list was circulated for those interested in being available to speak in the community as needed. This information could be included on the web site.
- It was proposed that the Membership Chair (currently Melissa Carrick of Lexington) be an elected/Board position. The membership agreed unanimously and Eric Weakly agreed to make the appropriate changes in the by-laws.
- Members asked for a deadline date for annual dues. It was agreed that dues must be paid by the June meeting in order to be included in the directory (which comes out in September). It was suggested that a disclaimer be included in the next directory.
- Several members said that it would be helpful if e-mail reminders could be sent out regarding meetings and events.

### Announcements

- MaryAnn Graham invited members to attend the Elgin Senior Providers Network which meets on the first Friday of each month.
- The Mental Health and Aging Conference is scheduled for April 20 and 21.
- Elderday Care Center reminded members that they offer caregiver counseling and support groups.

Holly from Provena Pineview Care Center volunteered to bring refreshments to the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Wiggins, KCSR Secretary