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PORTER COUNTY AGING & COMMUNITY SERVICES ELECTS NEW OFFICERS, HONORS VOLUNTEERS AND MORE AT THEIR 55TH ANNUAL MEETING

Valparaiso – Porter County Aging & Community Services conducted the 55th Annual Meeting of their membership on June 20 at the Wilbur H. Hutchins Community Center. Clifford Mailings was elected President of the PCACS Board with Lisa Marek serving as Vice President. George Iemmolo will serve as Secretary and Bob Macmahon will hold his position as Treasurer.

Two Board members were acknowledged for their many years of service to Porter County Aging & Community Services. PCACS Board President, Edward Gottschling, and Treasurer, Theodore Prange, were honored by Executive Director, Bruce Lindner, and the PCACS Board. Friendship Senior Center volunteer, Virginia M. Kallok received the 2008 volunteer recognition award. Board President, Edward Gottschling, and Lindner recognized her time and efforts and thanked her for her dedication to the Friendship Center.

PCACS also announced the programs they were recently awarded by Northwest Indiana Community Action (NWICA) for the next two fiscal years. PCACS was awarded the Section 8 Housing Program, the Energy Assistance Program and Transportation services. They were also awarded funding for the Community Workshop program which offers monthly educational opportunities for the public on topics ranging from osteoporosis to stroke awareness. Finally, PCACS was awarded the contract for Congregate Meals Site Management for the senior nutrition programs at Banta, Bonner, and Hebron senior centers.

[As of July 14, the Duneland Senior Center and the Friendship Senior Center will no longer be a part of the Senior Nutrition Program. Duneland Senior Center participants will continue to meet at the Hawthorne Park location. They will continue to have their regular activities and meetings. The Friendship Senior Center organization will also continue to meet at the 1005 Campbell Street location and continue to have their regular activities and meetings. Other community groups will still be able to use the Friendship Center for their activities as they have in the past. According to Lindner, “The big change is that there will no longer be meal service at these sites. This situation was brought on by the continued decline in the number of seniors who came to those two sites for meals. Resources are extremely tight throughout the state and these two sites were just not serving enough seniors. We will continue to work with the Duneland and Friendship Center seniors to determine how we can help them find alternative senior programs. Transportation to other meals sites will be available.”]

For more information about Porter County Aging & Community Services, you can visit their website at www.portercountyacs.org or call the office at (219) 464-9736.

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