

**City of Chicopee  
Council of Aging  
September 13, 2022**

**Members Present:** S. Tawrel, S. Gelinias, S. Michalik, K. Rousseau, K. LaBreck, H. Lenart, C. Gemme, L. Houle, D. Naumchick

**Staff:** H. D'Angelo

**I. Call to order**

- The meeting was called to order at 4:45pm. There was no request to record the meeting.

**II. Public input**

There was no public input.

**III. Review of minutes**

- A.** Minutes were reviewed and accepted from June 14, 2022, with the addition of S. Tawrel and S. Michalik to the attendance.

**IV. Business Reports**

- A.** Executive Director Report - The executive director's report was circulated to the group for review.
- H. D'Angelo and S. Manyak have been meeting with staff individually to keep lines of communication open. These meetings are being scheduled at this point
  - There is a meeting with all the volunteers at the meal site to make sure everyone understands the expectations
  - Currently there are still several open positions. A part time janitor started but only worked a week. That position is open but has a candidate. The transportation coordinator resigned after 1 month. Casey has been covering along with volunteer support. The part time dishwasher will be reposted. There are two candidates for the clerk.
  - There is now a full-time paid driver that started on 9/12. She will start driving independently on 9/14. Her hours are 7am – 4pm.
  - The center ended the year on budget.
  - The chairs in the lobby that are peeling are being researched for a replacement. The disinfectant from cleaning due to COVID was blamed for the damage.

## **B. Café**

- The Café continues to be very busy, and many enjoy the offerings. Board members commented on the number of people in line every day. It continues to make a strong profit every month (June \$1685, July \$2261, August \$703). Many people purchase food and bring it home to eat at home, so they don't have to cook. Soup started back this week now that fall is approaching.

## **C. Fiscal Reports**

- Reports for June, July and August were distributed to the group. The center was on target with the budget for the previous fiscal year. July began the new fiscal year and spending is in line with expectations for the summer. The fiscal report for June, July and August was approved unanimously.

## **D. Friends of RiverMills**

- All new officers are now in place, and they had a meeting 9/9.
- Chicopee Charitable Foundation sent their pledge \$11550 and there is one remaining installment
- The patio dedication was held 9/8 and well attended. The group is researching a pergola for the patio in the future. There is also a goal for lighting for the patio.
- September is Senior Center month, so coffee is available every day. There is a meal planned to celebrate on 9/14 and 100 tickets were sold.
- An Oktoberfest is planned and is sold out.
- The group has received a \$10000 donation from the A. Kenefick family.
- The Chamber of Commerce is holding an after-hours meeting, so the Center wants to demonstrate all the activities and supports available.
  - Letters will be sent out looking for donations for the Festival of Trees.
- A Veterans Program will be planned for next March because of the great success of the previous event.
- The next meeting 10/14.

## **E. Congregate Dining**

- About 70 people participate in dining at the center and a total of 100 meals are prepared, including the delivery meals.

#### **F. New Business**

- The Photography Club has a display at the library of their work.
- A question was raised about car wash coupons. These are available 2 for \$10 and it is a fundraiser.
- October 6<sup>th</sup> S. Tawrel and C. Gemme will provide a presentation at the library from 5pm – 7pm.
- It was announced that E. Laflamme's brother passed away. The board members will send condolences.
- The new RiverMills Commercial was viewed by the group.

#### **V. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm**

- **Next meeting is October 11, 2022.**

Submitted by



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