

City of Chicopee
Council on Aging
May 14, 2019

Members Present: C. Gemme, S. Michalik, S. Tawrel, M. Rider,
S. Gelinias, L. Houle, K. LaBreck, H. Lenhart, E. LaFlamme

Staff: S. Manyak

Excused: K. Rousseau, J Lukasik

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:45. There were no requests to record the meeting.

II. Public Input

Rosemarie Dachowski spoke to the board about recent Friends activities. \$1500 was raised from the fund raiser with Sarah the Fiddler. Donation envelopes have been placed at the two doors. Envelopes can be mailed or dropped off at the center. The envelopes also list ways to volunteer.

III. Review of Minutes.

Minutes from the April 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed. A correction was made on the date for Stepping Out for Seniors from Saturday to Friday, May 17, 2019. Minutes were approved with this correction.

IV. Business Reports:

A. May Fiscal Report

Sherry explained that salaries for the Program Coordinator and Assistant will now be taken from the formula grant as planned.

The report was accepted as presented.

B. Executive Director's Report

Chicopee Comp students are building a closet in the Garden room. A coffee station is being added to make it easier and safer for coffee to be served in the cafeteria. A part has been ordered for wall divider in the Garden Room. This will enable the wall to be opened and closed by one person instead of two.

The Outreach position is still open.

Ladies Night was sold out and was very successful. Everyone had a good time and asked that the event be done again.

BINGO for Handbags on June 17th is also sold out.

A Father's Day Car Show on Tuesday, June 18th is being planned.

The plan is for thirty cars to be displayed. There will be music, as well as hot dogs and hamburgers.

River Mills Assisted Living has been supportive of center activities.

They have purchased a leaf on the wall.

The City Council held their meeting at the senior center this month.

It was very hot in the building at the time of their meeting. Many of the council members commented on the temperature.

C. S.A.L.T.

A large number of posters were submitted for the poster safety contest. The top three will be recognized at the June City Council meeting. Blue Cross Blue Shield representative will be at the center on May 30th to lead a discussion on Medicare.

On June 10th the DA will give a presentation on internet safety.

The next meeting will be in September.

D. Friends

The picnic on June 13th is sold out.

Six restaurants are participating in giving back part of a designated nights profit.

99 Restaurant sent in a check for \$450.

The Pop Up Pantry is cancelled.

\$294,000 is owed on the building. This includes the \$50 pledged by The Friends.

Next meeting is June 14th.

E. Café

The workers from next door continue to support the café. The afternoon café worker is out on a medical leave. The café will close at 1:30. Sherry has asked HR if she can hire a temporary café worker. With the shortened café hours Sherry expects the profits to decrease.

V. Board Elections

It was suggested and voted that the current Board officers continue in their positions for another year.

VI. MCOA Keep Walking Club

Right now the club is walking Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 and Wednesdays at 9:00. As the weather gets warmer the times may change to 9:00 each day.

VII. Installation of Cameras and Fencing for roof

IT is paying for installation of cameras. The fencing installation will start the week of May 14th.

VIII. New Car

One new car was received in early May and two others will be coming in. Right now drivers are using hand held walkie talkies, but headsets have been ordered so the walkie talkies will be handsless. In June training will be held for the staff on the use of the electric charging station. Because of the way the charging station grant was written by the Community Development and Planning committee the center needs to purchase an electric car. Sherry is looking into options.

IX. Volunteer Dinner Recap

The dinner was a great success. Many people commented on the good food and the friendliness of the volunteer staff.

X. New Business

Age Friendly Community Meeting will take place at the center on May 15th from 4:00-6:00. Needs and concerns will be discussed and the top three will be chosen to work on.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15

