

City of Chicopee
Council On Aging
May 10,2022

Members Present: S Gelinas, S Tawrel, M Rider, H Lenart, K LaBreck, S Michalik, L Lavoie, L Houle

Staff: Sherry Manyak

Excused: K Rousseau, C Gemme

Guest: D Naumchick

I.Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:45. There was no request to record the meeting. Sue introduced Laura Lavoie as a new member of the council. Doreen Naumchick has gone through interviews with the mayor and members of the council. She is waiting action from HR before officially being appointed a member of the council. Two other applicants for the council have withdrawn.

II.Public Input: There was no public input.

III.Review of Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and accepted without changes.

IV.Business Reports:

*Executive Director's Report:

Lunch is in full swing, everyday new people are joining lunch. Sherry expects to be back to precovid numbers by the end of June.

*Sherry has a budget meeting scheduled for the week of May 16th. She is asking for cost of living increases and a part time transportation driver. There are less volunteer drivers so a part time driver is needed.

*The Walk A Thon starts May 11th. 60 people have signed up. The Walk A Thon runs through October.

*The Carnival is set for June 23rd. Several area businesses and city departments are organizing booths.

*The sheriff's department will be presenting a Safety Day with indoor and outdoor activities. They will be bringing the horses and dogs to show.

*PNCU will be doing another Elder Fraud Program.

*A staff member has passed away. That part time position will be posted.

*BINGO is a Friends activity. Sherry will talk about BINGO during her presentation to the Friends meeting May 12th.

***Café/ Kitchen Revenue Report:**

The café is doing very well. It is hitting \$300 some days. This has not happened since the workers from the assisted living building were stopping by for breakfast and lunch. April profit was \$1,923.87.

***Fiscal:** The budget is on target. Sherry does not expect any surprise expenditures. She is spending down some accounts that were not fully spent due to not being open during covid. Sherry is buying supplies needed for next year. Sherry is purchasing a riding lawn mower. The center has always had to borrow one from other city departments.

***Friends:** The next Friends meeting will be Friday, May 12th. The nominating committee will present nominations for next year. A vote will be taken at this meeting. The past treasurer passed away. Steve made a donation in his name.

V. CATV Commercial: The commercial has been completed and can be seen on Face book. Future commercials featuring the meal program, transportation and the exercise program are planned. The Channel 22 commercial is set to be recorded soon.

VI. Maintenance: Candace is working hard. She is stretch thin. She has been staying late to get everything done. She is always willing to help out. She has not seen her supervisor since she started at the center. Sherry has been supporting her. Sherry asked for extra maintenance help. A couple of men were sent to help deliver the outdoor chairs. Sherry and Candace heard them make comments that both Sherry and Candace felt were inappropriate. Sherry will decide whether or not to talk to HR about the comments.

VII. Outdoor Exercise Equipment: Another section of outdoor equipment has been installed. There is one more section. A ceremony will be planned for after Memorial Day to thank PNCU and Community Development for the

equipment.

VIII. Volunteer Lunch: Volunteerism is down at Rivermills. There are about 50 volunteers for the lunch. Volunteerism is down in general across other agencies.

IX. New Business: Henry made a motion that a seat on the board remain available for Ernie. His health has prevented him from attending meetings.

X. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35.