

**City of Chicopee**

**Council on Aging**

**November 8,2022**

**Members Present:** S, Gelinas, S. Michalik, HLenart C, Gemm, K. LaBreck, S, Tawrel.  
D. Naumchuck

**Staff:** S. Manyak

**Guest:** Cindy Powers

**Absent:** M. Rider. K. Rousseau, L. Houle, L. Lavoie

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Public Input**

There was no public input.

**III. Review of Minutes**

October minutes were reviewed and accepted with the correction of adding Sue Tawrel to those members present.

**IV Business Reports**

**A. Executive Director's Report**

\*There has been staff out with health reasons, but everyone has been pulling together to help out.

\* Since the airing of the Rivermills' commercial there have been 330 new members.

\*Thanksgiving dinner is scheduled for Nov. 16. There will be a lunch and a dinner seating as well as grab and go dinners.

\*The center had a broken freezer, but Sherry was able to move food to another freezer so no food was lost.

\*There was a boiler repair of \$3600.00

\* The garden room wall is broken. The repair company wants \$1600.00 to step in the door. Because of the recent repairs needed Sherry will ask for an appropriation to cover the excess cost of repairs.

\* A new car was purchased with a grant.

The director's report was accepted.

**B. Café/Kitchen Report**

\*The café profit for October was \$1046.70

\* Lunches have gone up to \$3.50 from \$3.00. This will help kitchen to break even.

**C. Fiscal Report**

The report states there is \$8,570.31, but due to recent repairs needed there is about \$2000.00 left. The fiscal report was accepted.

**D. Friends of Rivermills:**

Cindy Powers gave the report.

- There are 142 new members
- The Chamber of Commerce and the patio dedication went well.
- The free coffee month brought in new members and may happen again in the future.
- Donations of cell phones has been stopped.
- Senior were surveyed to see what services and programs they would like to see the Friends sponsor.

**E. Maintenance Department:**

Maintenance department is fully staffed

**F. Staffing:**

The center is fully staffed

**G. COA Holiday Party:**

We will gather at Milano's on December 13<sup>th</sup> for dinner after the December COA meeting.

**H. Festival of Trees:**

There are 21 trees in the raffle and response has been good.

**I. New Business:**

Sherry presented grants to be accepted.

- The council accepted the Formula Grant. The amount of this grant is based on the older population of a city. Last year's grant was based on 14,500 older adults in Chicopee. This year the new number used was 17,500 older adults. The grant went from \$145,000.00 last year to \$178,000.00 this year.

- Senator Gomez donated a grant of 40,000.00 which was used to purchase the new car as well as seat covers, GPS devices and other car needs. This grant was accepted.
- Community Development grant for \$12,000.00 was accepted. This grant has to be used for outdoor exercise. Ryan Davis will teach an outdoor exercise class three times a week in the spring using the outdoor equipment.
- Sherry is working on a MCOA grant for \$8,000.00. If granted this money will be used to continue the Rivermills' commercial for another six months. Chicopee TV has offered to film the commercial for no cost.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.**

**The next meeting will be December 13,2022 at 4:45.**