

# Commission On Aging

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## Meeting Minutes for January 3, 2023

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**Commission Members present:** Gary James Kelly – Chair, Maria Potvin, and Anita Morrison

**Absent:** Eugenia Perry – Secretary, Maryann Larson

**Guests attending:** Jim Sundin, Theresa Beaulieu

**Meeting Called to Order:** at 2:09 pm

**Approval of Minutes/Secretary's Report:** Our Secretary was absent so our Chairman read the minutes from our December 6, 2022 meeting. Anita made a motion to accept and Maria seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gary reported that the only expense was for a re-usable Santa Claus suit we purchased for the Christmas Tree Wish List event for \$53.18. He stated that he was in discussion with the Finance Office for our 2023-2024 budget and is providing supporting data regarding fulfilling our Commission charter and goals.

**Old Business:** We briefly reviewed the highly successful pilot Christmas Tree Wish List program in collaboration with Riverside Health Care; more information is posted on our website. We discussed the need to request an increase in our annual budget that has not gone up in countless years in order to meet the increased cost of our annual Senior Picnic; more details to follow. Gary stated we donated 105 cans of soda that was surplus to the Senior Center a few days before Christmas. Gary discussed the progress of the Town Wide Senior Survey project and passed out the beginning 30 point questionnaire for all Commissioners to review and comment on during our February meeting for customization and inclusion of all services offered. This is a large project and will be planned into multiple phases for maximum success.

**New Business:** Gary expressed sincere thanks to Jim Sundin (Santa Claus), and Evelyn Gilbert (Santa's head Elf) for their time and effort during the well-received Christmas Tree Wish List event in December.

**Opportunity of guests to speak:** Both Jim and Theresa asked questions and joined parts of our discussions which were welcomed.

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting adjourned at 3:09 pm