

Commission On Aging

Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2023

Commission Members present: Gary James Kelly – Chair, Eugenia Perry – Secretary, Maria Potvin, Anita Morrison, Lorraine Kraft, Kathy LaBranche, and Jim Sundin

Absent: None

Guests attending: None

Meeting Called to Order: 2:09 pm

Approval of Minutes/Secretary's Report: Geena was delayed so Gary read the minutes from our July meeting. Anita and Gary took minutes for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Gary reported that although some expenses have been incurred, they have not yet been reimbursed, therefore the balances remain unchanged from July.

Old Business: Gary read the results of the number of town wide survey responses and the new total is 386. We had a discussion on new places to collect surveys and suggested churches, housing authority locations, the Black Caucus, as well as Latino associations. These locations are helping increase the results. Gary visited the Manager on Smith Drive and provided blank surveys in English and Spanish to give out to the residents. Geena distributed surveys to Elm Village and Rochambeau residents. Gary will approach the St. Mary's apartments to hand out surveys. Gary updated the commission events flyer and added the recent Latin Festival. The seating chart has been updated for the senior picnic and Gary reviewed the new layout pattern he designed in cubic feet. Gary read the receipt from the town clerk's office showing Maria had been sworn in. Gary requested that we approve an expense by Lori for \$6.72 for vinyl lettering of arrows for the senior picnic parking and entrance signs. Jim made a motion to accept and Kathy seconded the motion.

New Business: Gary passed out a flyer from Riverside for anyone interested in donating back to school supplies to Riverside Health Care. Gary stated that we need the use of 5 coolers for the ice and water at the picnic. Anita will bring 3, Geena will bring 1, and Gary will bring 1 or 2. We discussed the total of 200 people to attend the picnic with 180 seniors, as well as volunteers, 7 Commissioners, the Mayor, Town Council personnel, and up to 5 State Representatives. We agreed to the long standing price of \$10 for residents and \$12 for guests. Gary will print and hand number each ticket along with a detailed log to prevent theft and the sale of bogus tickets like we encountered but avoided last year. We agreed on cash only ticket sales and worked out a schedule to sell the tickets at the Senior Center. We discussed 3 Walmart awards for the best theme dressed winners, and 40 gift certificates from Shop Rite worth \$20 each. We will also seek donations from local businesses as we have in the past 2 years which has worked well. Gary will provide a list of past donors and encouraged others to make suggestions on new providers. Maria has asked Ernie to sing one song as he has in the past. We will research traffic control with the town employees and perhaps Fire Department who are always invited. The doors for the picnic open at 10:30 and the event begins at noon. We will bring blank surveys to the picnic to give the final chance to seniors who have yet to participate.

Opportunity of guests to speak: None

Motion to Adjourn: Gary asked for a motion to adjourn. Anita made a motion to adjourn at 3:22 and Lori seconded the motion.