

Commission On Aging

Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2022

Commission Members present: Gary James Kelly – Chair, Eugenia Perry – Secretary, Maria Potvin, and Maryann Larson (via teleconference).

Absent: Anita Morrison, Joan Gentile

Guests attending: No guests attended

Meeting Called to Order: at 2:12 p.m.

Approval of Minutes/Secretary's Report: Eugenia read the minutes from our October 4, 2022 meeting. Maria motioned to accept and Maryann seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Gary handed out copies of the budget for our 3 accounts and read the expenses and balances. We discussed in detail the senior picnic account and the amount we would need to transfer from our general account before the end of the fiscal year. We discussed the impact of the rising costs and the future of having enough funds to continue our 35 years of picnics. More will be discussed in the new business section. Maryann made a motion to accept the report and Eugenia seconded the motion.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss at this time.

New Business: 1) We discussed the annual Christmas party we hold immediately after the December meeting. Gary suggested we have a "Pot Luck" style lunch where the members would each bring a dish. A list will be created to avoid duplication of food, and we will invite the Senior Center staff as we do every year. 2) We will have a "Secret Santa" type of gift giving for those wishing to take part. 3) Gary discussed the meeting with the Mayor's staff regarding the dwindling balance in the senior picnic account and our request to make the picnic as a separate line item funded as part of our budget with the ability to transfer money into it if needed. All agreed and Gary will continue discussion on this with the Finance Department and the Mayor's office. 4) Gary discussed the proposal for a Christmas Tree Wish List as proposed by Joan at our last meeting, and how we could feasibly conduct this new program with little or no cost to the town. He met with Riverside Health Care and they were excited to help. Gary created forms, virtual wish lists, and advertising for this event. He also created a special yahoo account for the donor responses. All agreed and Gary will confirm with the Mayor's office and Riverside to begin this program immediately. Please look for more upcoming information on our website.

5) Gary discussed the details of doing a town wide survey for seniors and will begin to meet with another town that recently conducted the same type of survey. He will bring the information back to the Commission to review the details and costs of this effort, then collaborate with the mayor's office to finalize the effort.

Opportunity of guests to speak: No guests were present.

Motion to Adjourn: Eugenia made a motion to adjourn at 3:10 p.m. and Marilyn seconded the motion.