

Senior Commission Meeting

April 5, 2022

Minutes

The Senior Commission met on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 in the Senior Center. Chairman Carole Lowery called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Those present were Ann Alfano, Roberta Britton, La Fondria Brown, Debbie Doering, Dennise Lafferre, Carole Lowery, Hector Nunez, Gene Royce, Carol Wagner, Pat Helfrich, Tom Wilkinson, Carolyn Conner, Brenda Stokes, Jerry Chancey. Those excused were Margert Buchholz and John Jaworski.

Peggy Hogan introduced a new guest that was invited to attend the meeting to observe and see if she will be interested in joining the commission: Lisa Smith.

MINUTES

The minutes to the April meeting were read by Carole Lowery. They were approved by Tom Wilkinson and seconded by La Fondria Brown.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jerry Chancey read the Treasurer's Report and explained the account had balanced. Jerry had purchased checks. Jerry stated he will research other companies to find more inexpensive checks for the future orders. Jerry explained that the commission can get three debit cards or a credit card for shopping in stores and online. Jerry explained the credit card would have fees, and the debit card would not. It was unanimous to get the three debit cards. Peggy and Jerry will each keep a debit card. Whoever will shop can pick up a card from Peggy. The Treasurer's report was approved by Debbie Doering and seconded by La Fondria Brown.

OLD BUSINESS

St. Patrick's Recap:

- Attendance: 195 people - great turn out
- Financial report: We had a profit of \$244.00 on this party. Peggy stated that at the party the same man won the Pot of Gold three out of four times and donated back all the money, which accounted for most of the profit.
- Menu: Everyone agreed the corn beef and cabbage was excellent and Tornatores was great to work with. Everyone agreed the green popcorn went over well.
- Entertainment: Everyone absolutely loved the St. Louis Stutters. Carolyn Conner commented on how well they interacted with the guests.
- Commission decided to continue selling Pot of Gold and Basket chances with one station instead of two. This seem to work best for everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Update:

Peggy Hogan announced we have 16 members. The last invited guest, Loretta Davis could not commit at this time. Peggy invited a new guest to the April meeting to observe and see if she is interested in joining the commission: Lisa Smith.

Catering Update:

Peggy Stated she had talked to Cindy Tornatores about catering all Senior Commission events for 2022, she accepted but could not lock in on one price.

Cindy stated to Peggy that we would have to evaluate each individual event. Cindy said that food prices have been steadily climbing. Peggy stated she was worried if we reached out to a new caterer they would accommodate us to get our business, but would then next time raise their prices. The Commission agreed to contact Tornatores for each event.

Senior Commission Retiree Benefits:

Peggy Stated that we have 5 retirees from the Senior Commission that attend our parties at this time. Can we as the Senior Commission invite them to attend parties at no charge, for their years of service? The Senior Commission unanimously agreed to pass.

Lunch at the Lodge, April 29:

Peggy stated that our guest speaker will be Barbara Kay as Mary Todd Lincoln. Lunch will be broccoli cheddar soup, roll and dessert.

Resource Fair:

Peggy stated that the City of Florissant has partnered with Memory Care Home Solutions. St. Catherine Retirement Community & Mercy Home Health & Hospice Services. This is a great event from 9-12. The commission didn't need to help with setup. We need Senior Commission on Tuesday April 19th at 8:00am to help with donuts and registration and to enjoy the event. Peggy took attendance for the resource fair.

Kimmswick Trip:

Peggy stated the Senior office started selling tickets on Monday April 4th and we sold out that very morning. This trip will take place on Wednesday May 11, 2022.

Memorial Day Event:

- Tickets: Memorial Day party will take place on Thursday May 26, 2022. The Senior office will start selling tickets on Monday May 2, 2022 for \$16.00 for residents and \$19.00 for non-residents.
- We will be collecting food for Team Food Pantry

- Menu: Peggy stated that Tornatores suggested a menu of: Italian lightly breaded chicken fried chicken with gravy, baby butter potatoes, seasoned green beans and salad, buttered rolls and cherry or apple pie. La Fondria asked Peggy if she could call Tornatores and ask if the chicken is a patty or breast fillet. The Senior Commission voted if the chicken is a patty, they would like to pay \$12.00 and have a fried chicken breast.
- Entertainment: Florissant police will "Present the Colors", Hazelwood Central Marching Band will perform for about 20 minutes, The Women of the Cameo Club will take the stage with their tambourines, and Zach Schneider will talk about the HomeTown Hero program. We will also play Bingo. The Senior Commission voted to give a \$150.00 donation to Hazelwood Marching Band.
- Decorations: Everyone agreed to decorate in Red, White & Blue colors, Peggy stated that we will need to purchase tablecloths. Everyone agreed Peggy could order them. WE will discuss more at the May Senior Commission meeting.
- Snack/Drinks: Will discuss at the May Senior Commission meeting.

Carnival:

- Tickets: The Carnival will take place on Thursday June 30, 2022. The Senior Office will start selling tickets on Monday June 6, 2022 for \$16.00 for residents and \$19.00 for non-residents.
- Menu: Peggy stated we'll offer Hot Dogs, chips and ice cream. Will be discussed more at the May Senior Commission meeting.
- Snacks/Drinks: Will be discussed at the May Senior Commission meeting.
- Entertainment: Peggy stated that one of our sponsors Archwell Health (Greg Horta) will be our Ring Master. Senior Commission has hired two clowns from the Moolah Shriners for \$150.00. Peggy has booked a Circus Show act for one hour that will cost \$500.00.
- Sponsors: Peggy stated we have three sponsors, St. Catherine Retirement, DeSmet Retirement, Archwell Health we still need one more sponsor.
- Games: We will have five games. Duck Pond, Sucker Pull, Ring Bottle Toss, Tic Tac Toe, and a Cake Walk. The Cake Walk will be sponsored by the Senior office Staff.
- Decorations: Will be discussed at the May Senior Commission meeting.

Summer Party:

- Tickets: Peggy had stated that prices keep increasing with food and decorations. Senior Commission has decided to raise non-residents from \$19.00 to \$21.00 going forward. The new ticket price will be \$16.00 residents and \$21.00 non-residents. Tickets will go on sale Monday July 11, 2022.
- Theme: Sailing into Summer

- Decorations: Peggy stated the Senior Commission has centerpieces colorful fountain sprays or sailboats. Senior Commission has decided to go with sailboats and use the Summer fun or Beach banner. Senior Commission will discuss decorations, menu, snacks and drinks at the May Senior Commission meeting

Halloween Party/Bingo:

Peggy brought up an idea to have a Black Light Bingo. Senior Commission liked the idea of having something new this year. Senior Commission suggested we could have a box lunch for this event. We discussed we could have a longer period to enjoy the Halloween Costume Contest. Senior Commission will discuss more at the May meeting.

New Year's Eve:

Peggy had discussed at the March Senior Commission meeting ideas for the New Year's theme. Ideas that were suggested was 70's Disco, Tea Party. Frozen, and the Oscars Red Carpet. Peggy asked everyone to think about these themes and vote at the April meeting. Senior Commission unanimously voted for the 70's Disco theme. Decorations will be discussed at the May Senior Commission Meeting.

News:

- Peggy had placed an order for Senior Commission name badges, and should be here for the next meeting.
- Peggy reminded that everyone on the Senior Commission who signed up to Serve the City of Florissant's Queen dinner, to be there at 5:00pm.
- Peggy stated that the Senior Office is updating our Emergency cards, and we will have a new system in place that will allow us to have all cards in an online file.

The meeting was moved to Adjourn by Tom Wilkinson and seconded by Hector Nunez.

Minutes taken by Kathy Biondo