

Senior Commission Meeting
Minutes
July 5, 2022

The Senior Commission met on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 in the Senior Center. Commission Chairman, Carole Lowery, called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Those present were Robeta Britton, La Fondria Brown, Jerry Chancey, Carolyn Conner, Debbie Doering, Carole Lowery, Hector Nunez, Gene Royce, Lisa Smith, Brenda Stokes, Carol Wagner, Ann Alfano. Those excused were Pat Helfrich, Dennise Lafferre. Not in attendance were Tom Wilkinson and John Jaworski.

NEW MEMBER UPDATE

Peggy stated that she invited Carl Knutson from Ward 3 to observe and see if he would like to join the Senior Commission.

MINUTES

The minutes to the July meeting were read by Carole Lowery. The minutes were approved by Carol Wagner and seconded by Lisa Smith.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasures report was read by Jerry Chancey. Jerry explained that the receipts contained many items, that is why there was no breakdown. The bank statement and the Treasures Report balanced. Peggy commended Jerry on his great bookkeeping skills. The treasury report was approved by Lisa Smith and seconded by Debbie Doering.

OLD BUSINESS

Carnival Recap: Peggy passed out a recap of the Carnival Party

- **Entertainment:** Everyone agreed Circus Kuput was wonderful and we would hire them again.
- **Moolah Shrine Clowns:** We paid \$200.00 and we were originally getting one clown, then they said two clowns. The week of the event they decided to send three clowns. Everyone agreed they were really good and we would hire them again. The clowns told Peggy they could also perform a skit and incorporate balloon art and face painting. Everyone agreed we would like to incorporate this next time.
- **Games:** We had the Cake Walk, Duck Pond, Ring Toss, Lollipop Booth and Tic Tac Toe. Everyone agreed that the Ring Toss was hard, but would still continue to have. Senior Commission suggested separating the Ring Toss and Tic Tac Toe to try to cut down on the seniors waiting in line. If we would host a Carnival again they would like to add two more games.
- **Sponsors:** Everyone agreed that Archwell Health, Garden Villas, DeSmet, St. Catherine, and Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield were all wonderful and very generous.

They would invite them all back again.

- **Ringmaster** Everyone agreed that Greg Horta really added wonderful entertainment to the Carnival. Would definitely want to invite Greg Horta back.
- **Attendance:** We had 104 guests, Peggy stated she would advertise differently next time, by letting them know there is seating and we will not be outside. Maybe we could bring up our attendance.
- **Tickets:** Everyone agreed this worked very well for the games and food.
- **Bags:** Everyone liked getting bags to hold their items. Thank you Mayor Lowery!
- **Lunch:** Everyone agreed lunch was very good, and the Hot Dogs were very good sized. Everyone decided they would stay with bagged chips.
- **Drinks:** Everyone agreed we could take away the bottled water next time. Stay with bottled lemonade and make coffee, and serve water.
- **Snacks:** Everyone agreed that the packaged popcorn and animal crackers were good. If they wanted to change it up next time and offer hot pretzels and cotton candy.
- **Setup:** Peggy stated we had two days and we definitely needed that with all the balloons. The Senior Commission now has purchased a small air compressor that will blow up all those balloons. We will go much faster next time. Jerry Chancey Stated he thought the decorations really looked phenomenal and looked like a carnival.
- **Financials:** We did better than we thought, since we were basing everything off of 150 people and we had 104 people. We had only lost \$25.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Fanduel Ticket Sales: Tickets will go on sale on July 25, 2022 and the trip will take place on August 23, 2022.

Breakfast Bingo: Peggy stated we have sold 85 tickets so far. Setup will be a little different because Chris Cakes has to be near the kitchen to have water available.

- **Attendance:** Peggy took attendance for the set up (2:00 pm on July 14) and the day of the party.
- **Decorations:** We will use multicolored tablecloths, Flower sprays for table centerpieces.
- **Menu:** Chris Cakes, all you can eat pancakes, sausage and orange juice. Chris Cakes will supply plates, utensils and napkins and condiments. The Senior Commission decided to have the guest be called by table numbers to get their food. As each table is called the Senior Commission will assist any guest who would like to have their food delivered.
- **Entertainment:** Mayor Lowery will be the Bingo caller for the day. The Senior Commission decided to allow for two hours of Bingo. Peggy Hogan and Carol Henke will be purchasing Bingo prizes. Lisa Smith stated she was having Gift Cards donated from various local establishments.
- **50/50 Basket Raffle:** Senior Commission decided to have both raffles.

Summer Party & Bingo: We'll start selling tickets on July 11, 2022.

Peggy explained that she would not be at this party as she has to take off the month of August.

- **Decorations:** Sailboats with yellow and blue tablecloths & we'll use "under the sea" foam stickers for the tables, flower sprays for the centerpieces. We'll use the "Summer Fun" banner.
- **Entertainment:** Scott & Karl and we will play Bingo.
- **Menu:** Tornatores, Pulled Pork, potato salad, baked beans, green beans, ice cream and a cookie. Peggy is going to reach out and ask Cindy from Tornatores if we substitute coleslaw for green beans.
- **Snacks:** Everyone agreed to put a packaged snack at each guest's spot.
- **Drinks:** Coffee, Iced Tea and water

Mayor's Town Hall: September 15, 2022

Peggy stated she will be sending out invitations this week. Peggy let the Senior Commission know that St. Catherine Retirement will be our Sponsor. Peggy stated that we will be having all our City departments and 8 community organizations.

- **Decorations:** Red, White and Blue
- **Menu:** Breakfast by Catering to You

Halloween Fall Fest: Specifics with this party:

- **Decorations:** To be decided at the September Commission meeting.
- **Entertainment:** The fabulous Miss Jubilee.
- **Menu:** Gus's Pretzels providing Pretzel Deli Sandwiches, and Tornatores providing Chili, and Apple pie. Senior Commission asked Peggy to price the pie from Tornatores and Sam's club.
- **Snacks:** Gus's Pretzel bites at each table setting.
- **Drinks:** To be decided at the September Senior Commission meeting
- **Halloween Contest:** Prizes will be \$15.00, 10.00 and 5.00

New Year's Eve: Decorations: Retro 70's silhouettes for centerpieces. Peggy stated that she will be ordering Disco cutouts for the centerpieces within the coming weeks. More will be discussed at the September Senior Commission.

Entertainment: Peggy stated she has booked the St. Charles Big Band.

Menu: Chicken, sides the same as Memorial Day, The Senior Commission would like to have cheesecake or black forest cake.

**The meeting was moved to adjourn by La Fondria Brown and seconded by Carol Wagner.
Minutes taken by Kathy Biondo**