

Senior Commission Meeting
Minutes
June 7, 2022

The Senior Commission met on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 in the Senior Center. Commission Chairman, Carole Lowery, called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

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

Peggy Hogan announced that Margaret Buchholz resigned from the Senior Commission. The Commission now has 16 members with 2 openings.

MINUTES

The minutes to the May Meeting were read by Carole Lowery. There were 3 corrections:

- Ticket sales for Breakfast Bingo was listed as July 13 and should be June 13
- The New Year's Eve Party was listed as December 21 and it should be December 31
- John Jaworski was misspelled in the Memorial Day Event section

With these corrections, the minutes were approved by Hector Nunez and seconded by Carol Wagner.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Jerry Chancey. Jerry gave an explanation for 3 line items where there was no explanation listed. They are:

- May 10: Amazon was carnival supplies
- May 13: Amazon was carnival supplies
- May 25: OTC (Oriental Trading) was carnival supplies

The bank statement and the Treasurer's Report balanced. The report was approved by Brenda Stokes and seconded by Debbie Doering.

OLD BUSINESS

Kimmswick Trip Recap: Commission Members who went on this trip agreed this was a very good trip and the Senior Office should repeat it again in the future.

Memorial Day Event Recap: Peggy passed out a recap of the Memorial Day Party. Everyone agreed that there were a lot of problems with the entertainment.

- The Honor Guard was good.
- The Marching Band was good but they didn't play long enough.
- The Cameo Club was not as good as we expected. There was a lot of confusion with the sound system. Peggy stated she will NOT let entertainers use the City's sound system again since there really is no one around to answer questions.
- Hometown Hero Program: Zach Schneider did a good job talking about the program
- Tornatores meal: Everyone did agree that the food was very good.
- Bingo: It was agreed that Carol Henke did a good job calling Bingo.
- Seconds at the Party: Peggy addressed the fact that lately there have been people coming up to the buffet line taking second helpings. This created a lot of people ASKING for seconds. Peggy stated we have an understanding with Tornatores in the past that all leftovers will be taken to a food pantry or a children's home. We have gotten away from that since the pandemic and with the passage of time. Peggy stated that we need to go back to that rule as it isn't fair that SOME people get seconds and others do not. Peggy stated the Senior Office Staff will try to be on hand when we are done serving to inform people of this.

NEW BUSINESS

Arch Lunch Cruise Ticket Sales: Peggy stated that all 50 tickets were sold for this trip. We are now taking a waiting list.

Carnival, June 30: Things that were discussed:

- ATTENDANCE: Peggy took attendance for the set up (10:00am on June 29) and the day of the party
- TICKETS: Peggy explained that the Senior Office is working on the tickets. We need a ticket for games, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, lemonade & ice cream.
- BAGS: Mayor Lowery is supplying the bags for this event.
- FOOD: We are serving hot dogs & chips, popcorn, lemonade & ice cream. The Commission thought it would be better to not have to go to 4 stations. They thought possibly combining the hot dogs, chips and lemonade into one booth
- COFFEE & WATER: self-serve
- POT OF GOLD/GIFT BASKET: We will have pot of gold & a gift basket raffle since we make at least \$150 at every party on these.
- AIR PUMPS: Peggy asked if anyone who has an air pump that can blow up balloons – bring it to set up.

The Commission suggested that we add the times for the lunch on the individual tickets.

Breakfast Bingo: The Commission discussed the prizes for Bingo. Peggy stated we have about \$500 to spend on them. We know we will play at least 20 games of Bingo. It was agreed that we would have extra gifts for multiple winners. It was agreed to give away 1 or 2 tickets for an upcoming party as a gift. It was also agreed to have a \$50.00 coverall prize at the end. If we have multiple winners, they would have to split that amount.

Summer Party & Bingo: Peggy explained that she would not be at this party as she has to take off the month of August. Kathy, Carol & Cindy will handle the party. Specifics:

- ENTERTAINMENT: Scott & Karl will play
- DECORATIONS: Sailboats with yellow & blue tablecloths & we'll use leftover "under the sea" foam stickers for the tables. We'll use the "Summer Fun" Banner

Halloween Fall Fest: Specifics with this party:

- ENTERTAINMENT: We booked Miss Jubilee
- MENU: We have Gus's Pretzels providing Pretzel Deli Sandwiches (\$4.00), bags of pretzel ends (\$2.00) and Tornatores will make Chili for \$5.50. Peggy stated she put pumpkin pie on the flyer. Commission members voted NO PUMPKIN PIE – SWITCH to APPLE PIE!!
- DECORATIONS: Commission decided to use MUMS for bingo prizes at around \$10.00 each. The cover all will be \$25.00 in cash
- HALLOWEEN CONTEST: Still have the prizes \$15, \$10 and \$5.

New Year's Eve: Peggy & the Commission agreed that anything we need to order, we should do as soon as possible in case things run out. Our theme is THE 70'S. the decisions so far are:

- DECORATIONS: After looking at a few possibilities, we decided on the Retro 70's dance silhouettes for centerpieces that Carol Henke found on Amazon. They were \$8.99 for 12 of them. They are double-sided and around 12" tall.
- HATS & TIARA'S: We decided to try to order black hats with multi-color bands and multicolor tiaras.
- SKIRTING: The Commission decided on silver skirting.
- TABLECLOTHS: Multi-colored
- CANDLES: we will check to see if we need more candles for New Year's Eve
- ENTERTAINMENT: Peggy booked St. Charles Big Band at the same price: \$650 & lunch!
- MENU: The Commission agreed on the same chicken dish that we had at Memorial Day. For dessert: ask for suggestions from Tornatores! Possibly cheesecake or black forest cake?

The meeting was moved to adjourn by John Jaworski and seconded by La Fondria Brown.

Minutes taken by Peggy Hogan