

Senior Commission Meeting
February 7, 2023
Minutes

The Senior Commission met on Tuesday February 7, 2023 at the Senior Office. Peggy called the meeting to order at 10:10 and rang the bell that was Carol Wagner's. Our Senior Commission member who passed on January 23, 2023. Peggy stated that we will start and end each meeting with a ring of the bell. Those present were Ann Alfano, Roberta Britton, Jerry, Chancey, Carolyn Conner, Debbie Doering, Pat Helfrich, John Jaworski, Carl Knutson, Dennise Lafferre, Carole Lowery, Hector Nunez, Gene Royce, Lisa Smith, Brenda Stokes, Rosemary Wall and Tom Wilkinson. Excused was La Fondria Brown.

MINUTES

The minutes to the February meeting were read by Dennise Lafferre. The minutes were approved by Pat Helfrich and Hector Nunez.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was read by Jerry Chancey. Jerry stated the report was small. From the end of December through the end of January we balanced with no outstanding checks. The Treasury report was approved by Debbie Doering and seconded by Dennise Lafferre.

OLD BUSINESS

New Year's Eve Recap:

Peggy stated that she wanted to make sure we were done with New Year's Eve. Everyone agreed we could close and move on. We will discuss appetizers later in the year.

Organization Day at Eagan Center Feb 1:

Peggy stated this was a lot of work it took 3 hours, but well worth it. We used 20 clear tubs, and still have some more to do. Peggy and Pat stated we have enough decorations for a life time. Peggy thanked the Senior Commission members that participated for their hard work.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Catering:

Peggy stated that we will be having Tornatores for St. Patrick's Party. The cost will be \$14.99 and will include a dessert. We really only have a few catered events this year. The Senior Commission voted and would really like to have Tornatores cater New Year's Eve. We won't need to hire a caterer for the Carnival Party. Peggy and Carol's husbands Tom and Gary will BBQ the hot dogs for this event. Peggy will reach out to Lonero Catering for lunch suggestions for the Cardinal Bingo. We will have a small number of events that will need a caterer and we can discuss more in the Spring.

Lunch at the Lodge February 10:

This event is sold out and should be a fun event. Catering To You will cater a nice lunch that will consist of soup, sandwich and a cookie.

Gateway Arch Trip February 15:

We have 36 seniors going on this trip.

Meet & Greet February 28: Peggy stated this will be a Senior event, and just wanted the Senior Commission to be aware. The Senior Office will take reservations starting February 21, 2023. The Senior Office will have coffee and donuts. The first Meet & Greet will be on February 28, 2023 Cooking with Marge.

Tax Preparation 2023:

Peggy stated that AARP tax service started today February 7, 2023, and was filling up fast. Peggy thanked the Senior Commission members that signed up for taking the time to work tax appointments.

Community Involvement:

Peggy stated she reached out to the company the City of Florissant gets their apparel from and choose two different type polos. Kathy passed around pictures of both polo shirts. Kathy will also reach out to Fischer's Sports and Goldmark Printing to get a price. Carl Knutson has agreed to check prices for polos. We will revisit this at the March meeting. Peggy asked the Senior Commission if we could serve the Queens dinner on Sunday April 16, 2023.

We had eleven Senior Commission member sign up. Peggy stated that we will also plan on Great Day St. Louis and Octoberfest. We will discuss later in the year.

St. Patrick's Party & Bingo March 16, 2023:

Peggy stated we will be selling tickets at the Senior Office on Tuesday February 14, 2023.

- **Decorations:**

Peggy stated we will be using St. Patrick's sprays, green and white tablecloths. Pat suggested we use some orange tablecloths. The colors of the Irish flag, everyone agreed that would look nice.

- **Attendance & Bingo Prizes**

Peggy stated we will have a Basket Raffle & Pot of Gold. We will have 10 games of Bingo and those will be cash prizes. Peggy stated we always have five gift cards for attendance prizes. Lisa stated she will solicit for gift cards.

- **Entertainment:**

Peggy stated that the St. Louis Strutters agreed to perform.

- **Menu:**

Tornatores will cater corned beef, cabbage, mashed potatoes, salad & rye bread. Senior Commission took a vote for cake or ice cream & cookie. It was agreed the ice Cream & cookie will be the dessert. Coffee, tea and water will be made for self-serve.

- **Party Setup:**

Peggy stated Wednesday March 15th at 2:00pm, and arrive the day of the party March 16th at 9:00am.

Carnival Party May 18:

Peggy stated we don't have an act booked. Last year we had two people perform from Circus Kuput and was thinking we could have just one person. We would still have the Moolah Shriners clowns. The Shriners have agreed to preform small acts in-between blowing balloons and acting silly with the guest. Everyone agreed to having one person perform from Circus Kuput.

Food:

Peggy stated that the guest really enjoyed the food last year and we could go with that same menu.

Games:

The Senior Commission decided it would be best to have two cake walks, and one more game. This would give us a total of six games to make the guest wait time shorter.

Decorations, Sponsors, Prizes, Ring Leader, Menu, Snacks, Drinks: We will revisit these decisions at further Senior Commission meetings.

MISCELLANEOUS: Peggy stated she had something very important to share with the Senior Commission.

Peggy stated years ago she really wanted to create one Senior Center where all activities and events would be in one place. That is how the Senior Center was moved to our currant location. Peggy stated we have outgrown our space. Peggy has proposed to the Mayor that we would like to move to JFK Community Center and have our Senior Center all in one area. The Mayor liked this proposal and has agreed to look into this further. Peggy wanted the Senior Commission to hear this from her before anyone else. Peggy also wanted them to be aware this is still just a proposal. Peggy stated as she receives information she will keep them informed.

The meeting was moved to adjourn by Carl Knutson and seconded by Hector Nunez.

The minutes taken by Kathy Biondo