

Senior Commission Meeting
March 7, 2023
Minutes

The Senior Commission met on Tuesday March 7, 2023 at the Senior Office. Carole called the meeting to order at 10:00. Those present were Ann Alfano, Roberta Britton, La Fondria Brown, Carolyn Conner, Debbie Doering, Pat Helfrich, John Jaworski, Carl Knutson, Dennise Lafferre, Carol Lowery, Lisa Smith, Brenda Stokes, and Rosemary Wall. Excused was Jerry Chancey, Hector Nunez, Gene Royce, Tom Wilkinson. Mayor Lowery and Steve Weiersmueller from our Information Technology department gave a presentation of the proposed new Senior Center. Mayor Lowery spoke about the proposed idea to the Senior Commission. Mayor Lowery shared information how this will be wonderful to have all senior activities in one area. The Senior Commission will have plenty of storage for all their event decorations. Mayor Lowery answered everyone's questions. Steve showed a rendition/presentation of the proposed new Senior Center at JFK Community Center.

MINUTES

The minutes to the February meeting were read by Carole Lowey. There was a correction from the minutes read in February to be corrected to January. The minutes were approved by John Jaworski and La Fondria Brown.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was read by Dennise Lafferre. Dennise read each entry and stated the checkbook had balanced and there are no outstanding checks. The Treasury report was approved by Ann Alfano and seconded by Carl Knutson.

OLD BUSINESS:

2023 Catering:

Peggy stated we don't have a lot of catering events left for the year. The Senior Commission decided they would like to have Tornatores for New Year's Eve. Peggy stated that was the one event she was interested in having Lonero catering for the use of their linens. The Senior Commission decided to have Lonero Catering cater the upcoming Mayor's Cardinal Bingo.

Lunch at the Lodge:

Peggy stated she would like Senior Commission members opinion that attended this event. Ann absolutely loved this event and thought Steve was a great speaker. Carolyn was just amazed with the snakes and spiders.

Gateway Arch:

Peggy stated she would like Senior Commission members opinion that attended this event what they thought about this trip. Those that attended thought there was a lot of walking, but really enjoyed the trip. Peggy stated that we the office needs to do a better job conveying when there will be a lot of walking.

Meet & Greet:

The Senior Commission members that attended this event thought it was fun. Carolyn asked how Peggy pays for guest speakers. Peggy stated the Senior Office has a budget and we budgeted for the speaker series. Some speakers will be free and some will charge.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tax Preparation 2023:

Peggy wanted to thank everyone for participating and helping have a smooth tax season. Peggy also stated we have a few tax appointments available.

St. Patrick's Party & Bingo:

Peggy stated we have sold 150 tickets. Peggy stated we have advertised in the Sacred Heart bulletin, the City's Facebook page and the Florissant Spotlight. Peggy took attendance for setup & the party.

- Decorations:
St. Patrick's sprays for centerpieces, green, white and orange tablecloths.
- Attendance & Bingo Prizes:
We will have Basket Raffle & Pot of Gold. We will have 10 games of Bingo with cash prizes. Peggy stated that Lisa Smith solicited to Bentwood Nursing & Rehab, St. Sophia, Oak Street Health, Florissant Valley Health. John Jaworski donated a gift card to Pirrones Pizzeria. These will all be used for attendance prizes.
- Entertainment:
The St. Louis Strutters will be performing an Irish program
- Drinks:
Tea, Water & Coffee will be made for self-serve. Wine, Beer & Soda will be sold.

- **Menu**

Tornatores will cater an Irish meal of corned beef, cabbage, mashed potatoes, salad & bread dessert will be ice cream & cookie.

Meet & Greet:

Tuesday March 28, 2023 Christina Bennett will talk about the History of Hendel's Market & Café. Reservations will be taken on Tuesday March 21, 2023.

Resource Fair:

Peggy stated she sent invites out. The City of Florissant has partnered with Memory Care Home Solutions, Mercy Home Health & Hospice Services. Peggy stated the Mayor will supply bags. The City of Florissant will be printing the resource book. The resource fair will have a new time 9-11am. Peggy stated we will need Senior Commission to work the registration table, drinks & donut station and to hand out bags.

Miss Augusta Trip:

Tickets went on sale Monday March 6, 2023 and was sold out before noon. This Trip will take place on April 13, 2023.

Debby Lennon/Lombardo's Trip:

Tickets will go on sale Wednesday March 29, for residents and Thursday March 30, for non-residents. This trip will take place on Wednesday May 10, 2023

Carnival Party:

Peggy stated that she has booked an act with Circus Kuput. We will have the Moohlah Shriner clowns. Greg Horta with Archwell Health will be our Ringleader and a sponsor of the cake walk. Peggy stated she is in the process of getting sponsors for this event. The Senior Commission talked about having another game are two to shorten wait time at each game. Debbie suggested having a snack walk and a spin game. Carolyn suggested we could direct the guests to move to shorter lines. Peggy briefly touched on the menu that we are most likely having what we had at the last carnival. More will be discussed at the April Senior Commission meeting.

Cardinal Bingo w/ Mayor Lowery:

The Senior Commission has decided to have Lonero catering cater this event. Brenda suggested we could have BBQ. Rosemary suggested that when you go to the ballgame you don't necessarily have a bratwurst or hotdog. Baseball game food has become more luxurious food. Peggy stated she will reach out to Lonero and get some ideas. This will be discussed at the April Senior Commission meeting.

Community Involvement:

- Peggy reminded those that signed up we will be serving the Queens dinner at Eagan Center April 16, at 5:00pm.
- Kathy passed around the information for the men and women's polo shirts. Kathy also stated she reached out to Fishers Sports and they are close to the same price as the City's supplier. Carl also shared that the price was very expensive for what he found online. Pat suggested maybe a buttoned shirt. Everyone was undecided on the color of the shirt. Peggy suggested she will look for different shirts and discuss further at the April Senior Commission meeting.
- Peggy stated she has ordered tablecloths for St. Patrick's, Carnival and Mayor's Cardinal Bingo.
- Peggy stated that she has booked entertainment from Circus Kuput for the Carnival.
- Peggy stated that we needed to reserve entertainment for the Halloween Party & Bingo. Peggy asked the Senior Commission if they would like Motown music or Brass band and everyone unanimously agreed to have Motown music by Nostalgia.

The meeting was moved to adjourn by La Fondria Brown and seconded by Brenda Stokes.

The minutes taken by Kathy Biondo