

Senior Commission Meeting

May 2, 2023

Minutes

The Senior Commission met on Tuesday May 2, 2023 at the Senior Office. Carol Lowery called the meeting to order at 10:00. Those present were Ann Alfano, Roberta Britton, La Fondria Brown, Jerry Chancey, Joyce Chancey, Carolyn Conner, Debbie Doering, John Jaworski, Carl Knutson, Dennise Lafferre, Carole Lowery, Hector Nunez, Gene Royce, Brenda Stokes, Rosemary Wall. Excused were Pat Helfrich, Lisa Smith and Tom Wilkinson.

MINUTES:

The minutes to the April meeting were read by Carole Lowery. There was one correction with the Senior Pageant date. The minutes were approved by Joyce Chancey and seconded by Ann Alfano.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report was read by Jerry Chancey. Jerry read all the charges for the carnival. Peggy explained the one Amazon credit, which was for expired ketchup that was returned. The small Amazon refunds Peggy will look at her Amazon account. A question was asked why the report showed two duck purchases. Peggy stated that only one set was purchased. Jerry stated the check book has balanced. The Treasury report was approved by Debbie Doering and seconded by Brenda Stokes.

OLD BUSINESS:

St. Patrick's Party & Bingo Recap:

This was discussed at the April meeting.

Catering 2023:

Peggy stated she had talked with Cindy from Tornatores and she agreed to cater Halloween. Lonero catering has agreed to cater the Cardinal Party and New Year's Eve.

Meet & Greet:

DePaul Hospital spoke about osteoporosis; this event was well attended. The Senior Commission members that attended thought this was very informative. Peggy stated that DePaul Hospital has reached out to come back and speak in the Fall with one day medical information sessions. Peggy stated that she has also been in contact with Mercy and reached out to BJC.

Tax Preparation:

Peggy thanked everyone that worked for making this an easy tax year. Peggy stated that having Tuesdays and Thursdays worked great for our residents and the Senior Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resource Fair Recap:

We had a great Resource Fair with 240 guests, 60 vendors and 10 attendance prizes. Peggy stated that this time we had many from the City of Florissant as vendors and that worked out great. We had 30 dozen donuts and 3 dozen left over. Jerry suggested we only have two regular coffee and one decaf coffee. It was brought up that one of the attendance prizes had been taken. Peggy suggested we need to maybe not display the attendance prizes just have signage stating who donated.

Miss Augusta Trip Recap:

Peggy asked any Senior Commission members that went on this trip for their opinion. Everyone thought the Yacht and cruise was very enjoyable. Some ordered drinks and had to pay a large sur-charge. Peggy stated she was not told there would be any sur charges. They were not told until they received their bill.

Some suggested that we eat somewhere else. Everyone agreed that Balducci Winery had great food, but just was not Senior friendly. Everyone agreed that they would like the cruise to stay as a sightseeing tour.

Carnival Party May 18th:

Peggy stated that we are advertising on Facebook but we have sold only 75 tickets. We are hoping to sell more tickets. Peggy stated we don't have to purchase a lot of decorations. We will give out tickets as we did last year. Peggy stated they will only play the games one time. This will cut down on the long lines. Peggy stated this party has a lot to setup. We will start at noon instead of our normal 2:00pm.

- Menu: Jumbo hot dogs, chips, and Dozzle's Ice Cream.
- Snacks: Popcorn, and animal crackers.
- Drinks: Strawberry Lemonade, Self-serve tea, water and coffee
- Games: Bottle Toss, Lollipop Pull, Duck Pond, Cake Walk, Tic Tac Toe, and Grab Bags.
- Entertainment: Ron Smith as the Ring Master, Circus Kaput, and the Moolah Shriner Clowns.
- Sponsors: ArchWell Health (Cake Walk), Oak Street Health (Ring Toss), St. Catherine/Veronica Place (Tic Tac Toe), United Healthcare (Lollipop Pull), Garden Plaza (Duck Pond), and Delmar Gardens (Grab Bags)

Meet & Greet May 23rd:

Peggy stated that MaryKay Gladbach, Florissant Historian, will be our guest speaker. Peggy stated that our Meet & Greets have been going very well.

Cardinal Bingo w/Mayor June 16th:

Peggy stated this party is moving along. We have decided the menu. The Mayor will be calling Bingo. Fredbird will arrive towards the end of the party. Peggy stated she will check inventory for our Bingo prizes. More will be discussed at the June Senior Commission meeting.

Community Involvement:

- **Parade:**

It was stated that maybe the Senior Commission could think about being in the Valley of Flowers parade next year. Peggy suggested we could start from Atonement Lutheran Church. This would be less wait time and be a shorter parade. This is just something we can think about.

- **Shirts:**

Peggy stated that the Senior Commission has decided on a shirt color of true blue. Senior Commission voted and agreed to individually pay for their shirts. Peggy stated that everyone could meet with Kathy at the end of our meeting to choose your style shirt.

JFK Update:

Peggy stated that we are moving forward with the planning stage and will start purchasing items soon. Peggy will keep them informed with all updates.

The meeting was moved to adjourn by Carl Knutson and seconded by La Fondria Brown.

The minutes taken by Kathy Biondo