

# Senior Commission Meeting

## June 6, 2023

### Minutes

The Senior Commission met on Tuesday June 6, 2023 at the Senior Office. Carole Lowery called the meeting to order at 10:00. Those present were Ann Alfano, La Fondria Brown, Jerry Chancey, Joyce Chancey, Carolyn Conner, Debbie Doering, Dennise Lafferre, Carol Lowery, Hector Nunez, Gene Royce, Lisa Smith, Brenda Stokes, Rosemary Wall and Tom Wilkinson. Excused were Roberta Britton, John Jaworski, Pat Helfrich and Carl Knutson.

#### **MINUTES:**

The minutes to the May meeting were read by Dennise Lafferre. The minutes were approved by La Fondria and seconded by Tom Wilkinson

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer's report was read by Jerry Chancey, Jerry read all the charges and deposits. Jerry stated that the World's Finest was for candy bars. Peggy stated that Cindy has been selling candy bars at our Senior Lunch program. Cindy was getting the candy bars from Guadalupe school. Cindy asked Peggy if we could start selling candy bars to help offset items we purchase for the seniors at the dining center. Peggy stated we needed to order with a credit card, and we will put the money back in the account. Jerry stated that last year at this time we had less money. We have two outstanding checks and the checkbook has balanced.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **Carnival Party Recap:**

Peggy stated we only had 85 people. Peggy was thinking maybe it is just the carnival. Everyone noticed the ones that went really enjoyed the games and entertainment. Some felt maybe it was just that they didn't want to eat a hotdog and would have preferred a different lunch and just entertainment. Peggy stated we had lost money on that event.

##### **Debby Lennon Trip Recap:**

Peggy asked the opinion of those that went on the trip. Everyone thought the donuts and coffee was very nice before the performance. Debby Lennon gave a great show. Lunch at Lombardo's was fabulous.

##### **Meet & Greet Mary Kay Gladbach Recap:**

All those that attended thought Mary Kay was a wonderful speaker and has such wonderful knowledge. Carolyn said it makes you want to join the Historical Society.

#### **NEW BUSSINESS:**

##### **Cardinal Bingo w/Mayor Lowery:**

Peggy stated we have sold 116 tickets. We will be selling tickets next week at St. Patrick's Apartments. Tony Lonero will be catering and suppling linens. Cost of our meal will be \$12.00.

- Menu - Fried chicken, beef brisket, loaded mashed potatoes, fresh green beans, salad, rolls and apple pie.
- Drinks – Tea, Coffee, and Water self-serve
- Centerpieces/Tablecloths – Clear glass vases with red tissue paper, red & white balloons, red ribbon and St. Louis Cardinal decal. We will have white linen tablecloths with red runners.
- Entertainment – Mayor Lowery calling Bingo and Fredbird
- Attendance Prizes – St. Louis Cardinal items. We will have a basket and pot of gold raffle.
- Bingo Prizes – Cooler snack packs, and we are waiting to see if we get Gift Cards before we purchase more items. Cover all will be \$50.00 cash.

**Meet & Greet Beer Barons June 28:**

Peggy stated that this meet & Greet will be on a Wednesday not a Tuesday. Dan Fuller from Bellefontaine Cemetery will talk about famous Beer Barons.

**Mayor's Town Hall September 14:**

Peggy stated that the owners that bought St. Catherine & Veronicas Place will sponsor the breakfast. There will be some organizations, and all City of Florissant Department Heads. There will be more work for the Senior Office. Senior Commission will have setup and will serve the breakfast.

**Lunch at the Golf Course October 10:**

Peggy stated that this will be a Senior Office event. Tickets will cost \$16.00. Entertainment will be Scott & Carl. Lunch will be provided by the golf course; Hamburger, chips and soda. Guest can purchase a cocktail or beer. This event will be for 75 people.

**Halloween Party & Bingo October 26:**

Peggy stated we will have Tornatores catering, and will discuss menu options at a later Senior Commission meeting. Entertainment will be a Motown group called Nostalgia. We will have our annual Halloween Costume Contest.

**Community Involvement/Shirts:**

Peggy stated those who have not picked out a shirt could meet with Kathy after the Senior Commission meeting to do so.

**New Year's Eve:**

Peggy stated this event will take place on a Sunday this year. Peggy has secured the St. Charles Big Band for the same price. Carole Lowery signed the contract. Peggy will get with Tony Lonero to discuss menu options, linens and centerpieces.

**JFK Update:**

Peggy stated she has a meeting on Wednesday with the team and the Mayor. We are still in the process of putting together all our ideas. Peggy stated she will keep the Senior Commission updated.

**2024 Calendar:**

Peggy gave a handout with ideas for the 2024 calendar year. Peggy stated that we have to start getting our dates together. Peggy stated that all the clubs will be at JFK, and we would like to add a walking club and a quilt club. We would still host our Meet & Greets and Health & Wellness classes. We will have 6 trips next year. Peggy asked the Senior Commission if they would like to host 3 parties and New Year's or 4 parties. Everyone agreed they would like to host 3 parties and New Year's Eve. Peggy suggested that the Senior Commission could host 5 small daytime dances. Make them very simple to keep the ticket price down. Hire a DJ serve popcorn, and water. Have this event on the order of a trivia, bring your own snacks/drinks. Jerry suggested they could win a prize for the best decorated table. Everyone agreed that tis sounds very appealing and they would like to host these dances next year. More will be discussed in the upcoming Senior Commission meetings.

**Miscellaneous:**

Peggy asked Lisa Smith to talk about her position within the City. Lisa stated that she would be going over to St. Patrick's Apartments to sell tickets for our upcoming party. The reason this has started is because she has teamed with the Mayor and the Senior office to be a liaison for our seniors in senior living in places who are having complaints. The majority of the St. Patrick's residents don't drive and would like to attend our events. Lisa stated that the Mayor has also met with state officials, and we are the only City to do this program.

**The meeting was moved to adjourn by Tom Wilkinson and seconded by La Fondria Brown.**

**Minutes, taken by Kathy Biondo**