

**CITY OF FLORISSANT**  
**Senior Advisory Commission Minutes**



**October 3, 2023**

The Senior Commission met on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at the Senior Office. Carole Lowery called the meeting to order at 10:05am. Those present were Ann Alfano, Roberta Britton, Jerry Chancey, Joyce Chancey, Carolyn Conner, Debbie Doering, Pat Helfrich, Carol Liebler, Carole Lowery, Gene Royce, Lisa Smith, Brenda Stokes, Rosemary Wall, and Tom Wilkinson. Excused were La Fondria Brown, Carl Knutson, Dennise Lafferre and Hector Nunez. Peggy introduced the new Senior Commission member Carol Liebler.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes to the September meeting were read by Joyce Chancey. The minutes were approved by Lisa Smith and seconded by Carolyn Conner.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Jerry stated he had hand written a few entries that Peggy updated him on. Jukebox Productions was only a deposit. Jerry explained Peggy accidentally used the Senior Commission card, and has given Jerry a check for that amount. Jerry explained that the bank statement has gone from \$1.00 to \$5.00 for a paper bank statement. Jerry is going to contact the bank and go from paper to digital format. The bank statement matches the checkbook. The check book has balanced, and there are no outstanding checks. The minutes were approved by Tom Wilkinson and seconded by Pat Helfrich.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ameristar Casino Trip Thursday, September 7, 2023:**

Peggy asked Senior Commission members that attended their opinion of this trip. The majority said that the walking was too much and they didn't care for the food. Peggy stated that this trip will definitely not be repeated.

**Mayor's Town Hall Thursday, September 14, 2023:**

Peggy passed out the Mayor's Town Hall Recap. We had 150 guests' reservations. Deacon John Heithaus from Sacred Heart gave the Invocation. St. Catherine & Veronica Place sponsored the breakfast which was catered by Catering To You. Twelve organizations were invited and only two didn't attend. We purchased extra orange juice this year and had some left over. Peggy stated that guests who registered to attend didn't show up. Peggy really noticed this when the Mayor was calling names for attendance prizes, how many were called and weren't there. Peggy said when something is free sometimes they just don't come as they have no obligation. We also had a lot of food left over.

**Meet & Greet Carolyn Mueller Kelly Tuesday, September 26, 2023:**

Peggy asked Senior Commission that attended their opinion. Those that attended thought she was a wonderful speaker and they learned that Forest Park has some hidden sites that most people don't know about.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lunch at the Golf Course Tuesday, October 10, 2023:**

We have sold all 75 tickets. Golf Course Manager, Sam Freihoff, will talk for a few minutes about the Florissant Golf Course. Peggy stated that she is really looking forward to having this event. A lot of people don't realize we have this beautiful golf course. Entertainment will be Scott & Karl. Lunch will be hamburgers, chips and dessert.

**Halloween Party & Bingo Thursday, October 26, 2023:**

Peggy stated this is the last meeting before the Halloween Party, so we will take attendance. Setup will be Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, and we should arrive the day of the party between 8:45 and 9:00am. Peggy stated that Tornatores could offer three choices of desserts; pumpkin cream cheese roll, carrot cake, and frosted



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harvest sugar cookie. Senior Commission voted for carrot cake. We will have 5 judges for the Halloween costume contest, Carole Lowery, Debbie Doering, Brenda Stokes, Rosemary Wall and Carol Liebler. Lisa Smith has graciously offered to solicit for attendance prizes. Archwell Health will be donating 10 large mums, two \$10.00 gift cards from Hendel's, and \$25.00 gift card from Roberto's. These will be an addition to the other gift cards Lisa has solicited. Lisa suggested we use gift cards for the prizes for the Halloween costume contest everyone agreed. 1<sup>st</sup> prize will be \$25.00 to Roberto's, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize will be \$10.00 to Hendel's & chocolate covered peanuts from Goeke Produce, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize will be \$10.00 to City Diner, and 4<sup>th</sup> prize will be a bag of chocolate covered peanuts from Goeke Produce. Senior Commission unanimously voted to put individual bags of Skinny Pop popcorn at each guest spot for snack.

**Christmas Trip Plaza Messina & St. Louis Strutters Wednesday, December 6, 2023:**

Peggy stated this trip should be a fun trip and tickets will go on sale Monday, November 6, 2023.

**New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31, 2023:**

Peggy stated this party will be a Saturday set up at 9:00am, and Peggy has made sure we will have the gym at that time. Peggy stated that we have a lot of gold decorations and have been donated more gold decorations. Peggy asked the Senior Commission if they thought we could just use our vases, that vases are very expensive. Peggy showed the Senior Commission the gold & silver garland in the vase. Everyone really thought the garland would look good. Peggy stated we have lights from last year we could use and set them to a warm white. Some had mentioned we could always purchase fairy lights. Peggy asked the Senior Commission to vote for linens or vinyl table clothes, and the vinyl won the vote. Peggy stated this will make for an easier cleanup. Kathy will borrow the gold chargers from Sacred Heart. Peggy asked the Senior Commission if they would like gold or silver hats and tierras and everyone agreed they would like black & gold hats and black & silver tierras. Peggy will order a Happy New Year banner for the stage. Two Oak street Health representatives came to the October Senior Commission meeting. Kevin said that they would be happy to donate a photo booth for New Year's Eve. Kevin asked for a recommendation. Lisa Smith recommended Rich Kling Photography. Peggy stated this will be a big hit to take a picture a get a copy right there. Peggy stated she had talked with Catering to You and the price was \$16.81. Peggy talked with Cindy from Tornatores and they have agreed to cater New Year's Eve. Tornatores offered two choices pork at \$14.00 and chicken at \$13.50. The two menus offered were Pork or Amaretto Chicken, potatoes or pasta, green beans or baby peas, salad, rolls, and cheese cake. The Senior Commission decided they would like Amaretto Chicken, potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and cheese cake. Peggy explained the cost of the ticket is \$28.00 for residents and \$33.00 for non-residents, that everything is just getting really expensive.

**Community Involvement/Shirts:** Peggy stated everyone has received their shirts and will get a deposit ready for Jerry. Peggy showed the Senior Commission the coffee cups and pens for the festival. Peggy stated that Senior Commission paid \$1,178.60 for all items. Once Senior Commission sells all the coffee cups they will make \$1,444.00. There will be a small profit. Senior Commission has agreed to take a one-hour shift selling coffee cups at the festival. Senior Commission all agreed to sell coffee cups for \$10.00 each, and give away the pens with our new address. Senior Commission also agreed to sell basket chances for \$1.00 each. Peggy stated that Senior Commission can park at the Senior Office for the festival. Peggy will contact the street department to block our lot. Peggy let the Senior Commission know that they will also have a key to use the restroom at the Senior Office, and there will be bottles of water. Peggy stated we will start the festivities on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at City Hall for Great Day St. Louis for any Senior Commission members that would like to join.

**2024 Calendar:** Peggy stated she will be turning in her calendar the first week of October. We have added more Meet & Greets that will give us 11 total. We will have a USO Party with swing music from the 40's in the summer. The new calendar will be available at the Halloween Party October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**JFK Update:** Peggy stated that the chandeliers and small lights have been installed. Cabinets will start being installed. The patio is poured and very nice. Everything is starting to come together.

**Next Senior Commission Meeting will be Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 10:00am.**

**Adjournment Tom Wilkinson moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Gene Royce.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:15.**

Clerk Typist

*Kathy Biondo*