

CITY OF FLORISSANT
Senior Advisory Commission Minutes



December 5, 2023

The Senior Commission met on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at the Senior Office. Carole Lowery called the meeting to order at 10:05am. Those present were Ann Alfano, Roberta Britton, La Fondria Brown, Jerry Chancey, Joyce Chancey, Carolyn Conner, Debbie Doering, Pat Helfrich, Dennise Lafferre, Carol Liebler, Carole Lowery, Hector Nunez, Lisa Smith, Brenda Stokes, Rosemary Wall, Tom Wilkinson, Excused were Carl Knutson, and Gene Royce.

MINUTES:

The minutes to the December meeting were read by Dennise Lafferre. The minutes were approved by Hector Nunez and seconded by Carolyn Conner.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jerry read the Treasurer's report and explained all the deductions and deposits. Jerry stated that the bank statement is now electronic and we are no longer being charged a fee. Jerry stated we are down around \$300.00 from last year. Peggy stated that is most likely due to the fact we purchased all those mugs. It will take time to sell all 144 mugs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas Trip Ticket Sales November 6, 2023:

We sold all 50 tickets for the Christmas at the Messina with the St. Louis Strutters for December 6, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Senior Commission Christmas Party: Peggy stated the Senior Commission party will be at JFK the new Senior Center 11:30am. Tornatores will be catering a wonderful lunch. Peggy reminded everyone to please bring your \$5.00 wrapped gift to play rob your neighbor.

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

Peggy stated this event will take place on a Sunday. Peggy set a New Year's Eve table using a black tablecloth, centerpiece is a cylinder vase with a crystal band filled with gold & silver garland, gold ting a lings and white fairy lights sitting on a mirror with 3 glass votives, along with black felt fedora hats and black, gold and silver tiaras, gold horn noise makers, black & gold programs and gold utensils. Everyone really liked the table setting. Peggy will order the napkins that are white, black, silver & gold. Peggy thanked Carol Liebler for getting two throws and a 40" TV. Carol Liebler and Joyce Chancey will be making a Florissant basket. Lisa Smith solicited local establishments. Hendel's, Made by Lia, Florissant Diner, Doughnut Cupboard, Bentwood Nursing & Rehab Center, St. Sophia Health & Rehabilitation Center, The Pillars of North County and Florissant Valley Health and Rehabilitation. They will all be donating gift cards. The Senior Commission will wait to see what other gift cards we receive before we spend \$300.00 for gift cards. Lisa & Joyce will continue to solicit and stay in touch with Peggy. Peggy stated that she was going to order formal post cards to add to the programs to advertise our NEW Senior Dances and USO party featuring Sentimental Journey Band. Peggy introduced Jennifer from Oak Street Health to talk about the Photo Booth they are donating. Jennifer stated that they have paid half down and will be paying the other half the day of the party. The photo booth will be there from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

- Saturday - Set up at 9:00am Lunch Pirrone's Pizzeria
- Sunday - Get there at 8:30am
- Entertainment – St. Charles Big Band
- Appetizers – Cups with cheese & sausage cubes, and grapes with packaged crackers.
- Menu – Amaretto Chicken, potatoes, green beans, salad, & cheese cake.

- Drinks – Tea, Water, Soda, Beer, and Wine.

Meet & Greet Tuesday, January 23, 2024:

Elliot Davis from Channel 2 Fox News. This will be our first event in our new Senior Office.

Trip Fabulous Fox Tour & Vito's Ristorante Tuesday, February 6, 2024:

Tickets will go on sale Monday, January 8, 2024. Ticket prices are \$50.00 for residents and \$55.00 non-residents.

Day Time Dances:

Senior Commission will host 5 daytimes dances in the 2024 calendar year. The first dance will be on Thursday, February 15, 2024 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Senior Commission decided to keep this dance very simple. Reasonable vinyl table clothes, popcorn and water. Setup will be on the 15th at 11:30 pm. Pat Helfrich suggested that we put BYOB on the ticket. Guests will be encouraged to bring drinks and snacks.

Taxes 2024: Peggy stated she will be speaking with AARP. Senior Office will be taking appointments starting on January 16, 2024 for Start Date Tuesday February 6th. Peggy asked the Senior Commission if they will be willing to work Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9-2. Kathy will pass around the schedule at the next Senior Commission meeting for signups.

JFK Update:

The Senior Office will be moving the first two weeks of January. Peggy said she commends the City departments for all their hard work. The Senior Office will hold their last Friday lunch for the year on Friday, December 15, 2023 and resume at the new office on Friday, January 19, 2024.

2024 Calendar: Peggy updated the Senior Commission with the new exercise classes the Senior Office will be offering. There will be three new classes, Mondays Stretch & Strength, Tuesdays Senior Line Dancing, and Wednesdays Joints in Motion. These classes will be for 8 weeks once a week for \$20.00 for residents and \$25.00 for non-residents. Peggy would like to have classes just reoccurring every 8 weeks. Peggy stated we will be having a USO Party in July and she has booked Sentimental Journey Band. Peggy said they have a very large following. Peggy also stated she will be contacting other cities to invite their Senior Citizens.

There had to be one correction to the Senior Commission 2024 Meetings. The Senior Office will be hosting a February Trip to the Fox Theater on Tuesday February 6th, that is also a Senior Commission meeting. The Senior Commission voted to move the Tuesday February 6th meeting to Monday February 5th.

Next Senior Commission Meeting will be Tuesday January 9, 2024 at 10:00am at the new senior location JFK 315 Howdershell.

Adjournment: Tom Wilkinson moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by La Fondria Brown.

Clerk Typist

Kathy Blondo