

**Senior Citizen Commission**  
**September 7, 2021**  
**Minutes**

The Senior Commission met on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 in the Senior Center. Chairman Carole Lowery called the meeting to order at 9:02am. Those present were Ann Alfano, Roberta Britton, La Fondria Brown, Jerry Chancey, Jan Daming, Debbie Doering, Dennise Lafferre, Carole Lowery, Hector Nunez and Carol Wagner. Those excused were Margaret Buchholz, Pat Helfrich, John Jaworski and Florence Klingler.

**MINUTES**

The minutes to the August Meeting were read by Chairman Carole Lowery. They were approved by Bill Boschert and seconded by La Fondria Brown.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer, Jerry Chancey. Jerry explained the \$1.00 adjustment on the report. This \$1.00 was agreed by the Commission to show in order to balance the checkbook to the bank balance with Jerry starting his term as Treasurer. With that \$1.00 adjustment, the Commission checkbook was balanced to the bank balance.

The report was approved by Jan Daming and seconded by La Fondria Brown.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Covid update:** Peggy explained that masks were strongly recommended to wear in city buildings. She stated too that when seniors come in the center, the employees here put on their masks and the seniors always have them on.

**Crazy Cardinal Bingo Recap:** Peggy passed out the financial recap of the Cardinal Party. We actually made a little over \$300.00. Peggy stated that the city budget picked up \$250.00, purchasing the water, lemonade and Fred Bird. The party was recapped as follows:

- Catering/Menu: The menu for this party was an easy one – hamburgers, chips, cole slaw, ice cream and a cookie. Meyers did fine on that. The food was good. However, the serving of the food was another story. Instead of serving how we wanted it served, they insisted on serving from one serving line and serving the desserts separate. It did not go nearly as well as our parties usually go.
- Singing Bingo Guy: This did not go well. People were confused and did not enjoy this. It was agreed by the Commission, as well as many guests, that we would not get him again for a big party.
- Fred Bird: Fred Bird was outstanding as usual. However, Peggy scheduled him to visit at the end of the party. As Fred Bird visited the tables, the guests left. By the time Fred Bird left, most of the gym was cleared out - which was embarrassing. Peggy also asked that if something like this happens again, she doesn't think that the Commission should start cleaning up until Fred Bird is gone or the party is over.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Member Update:** Peggy stated that prospective member, Kathy Tallo, former member Corinne's daughter-in-law, cannot be on the Commission as she was moving to Hazelwood! Peggy resorted to a list of people who expressed interest over the years but she doesn't really know them. Debbie Bryant was one of them. Debbie was still interested and will try to make it to the October Meeting. Peggy stated there are 2 openings and if anyone else knows of anyone, to please reach out to them or let her know. New Commission members as well as ones on the Commission awhile stated they have not gotten anything from the Mayor's Office stating they are on the Commission. Peggy will check into that as they should have received a certificate and a letter.

- Commission Shopping: Peggy stated that Jan Daming and Florence Klingler have been the “shoppers” on the Commission for many years. They would like to pass that duty onto someone else if possible. Jan stated that she will shop the rest of this year and “train” other shoppers on how to do this. There were 2 volunteers: La Fondria Brown and Roberta Britton.
- Inventory: Peggy stated another duty on the Commission was taking inventory for the shoppers so they know what to buy. Jerry Chancey and Gene Royce both said they will continue this duty.

**Mayor’s Town Hall Meeting:** Peggy first talked about the importance of wearing masks and socially distancing as much as possible. She stated many city employees and city organizations will be there and we should make sure we follow all safety precautions.

- Attendance is right around 150 so far
- We must be there at 8:30am – with coffee ready!
- We can have no self-serve coffee, orange juice or water. We will have a Commission Member with gloves and masks pouring coffee and giving out bottled juice and water in the drink corner
- Peggy said the senior office will purchase the orange juice and water for this last event
- We will have the utensils at each setting because we will know exactly who is sitting at each table.
- We will have 4 Commission members in the lobby telling seniors which table they are at. The names will be in alphabetical order and the numbers will be in order. We’ll look up the name, and give them a table number.
- Set up will be Wednesday, October 15 at 2:00pm. We will have the regular red, white & blue decorations. We will put up the “God Bless America” banner on the stage and the 3 flags from the council chambers- Florissant Flag, Missouri Flag and U.S. Flag. The big flags will be put on the matts on the wall.
- We will meet at 7:45 that morning.

**Drive Thru Flu Shots, Sept 28:** Peggy stated we had about 50 people sign up already. She stated we have Walgreens this year and it works much better as they accept ALL major insurance companies.

**Square Dance Event, Sept. 30:** Peggy stated this will be a very different set up for the square dance: tables and chairs all in the round, making room in the center of the gym to dance. Since we will have this set up, we can’t have catering tables on the floor. We will try to serve out of the kitchen like we did one other event. It shouldn’t be too hard since the potato salad and baked beans will be in containers. The only thing to dish out will be the pulled pork sandwiches. We had no dessert for this event. The Commission agreed to purchase the big cookies from Sam’s for dessert. It was voted to purchase the oatmeal cookies. Peggy will check into ordering them from Sam’s. The event starts at 12:00noon. We decided to meet that day at 11:00 and set up being on Wednesday, September 29 at 2:00pm. We will use the country western centerpieces that we have from prior country dances and brown and cream centerpieces. We will use a cowboy napkin under that. We have red ones. It was suggested that there are denim blue ones too that may look just as good or better. We will see what is available. We will have a gift basket and pot of gold. It was noted that we need to make sure the tickets are ripped in 3’s BEFORE the event – at set up if need be. We will also give away our usual \$100 in gift cards. Dennise offered to get them again. Peggy stated we have 3 already – we only need 7.

**Halloween Party, Oct 28:** Peggy stated we always use our pumpkin centerpieces. It was brought up that the Halloween cutouts are getting really old and worn looking and we should purchase some new ones. We will look for new ones before Halloween. The menu of chicken, scalloped potatoes & pumpkin pie was accepted by Tornatores. We will have a contest with cash prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5.

**New Year’s Eve**

**Centerpieces:** Peggy set up the centerpiece idea for New Year's Eve: gold, black and white feathers in our vases with the garland in them. It was decided to not use the fairy lights at all and to just use the tea light/ votive candles on each side. Carol Wagner offered to wash them if they need washing. We will get the votives when we are at Eagan and determine that. We will need a Styrofoam insert for the centerpiece. Commission members thought we could find another one that may work better than the one we had from Dooley's. They will look for that this month to see what we can come up with.

**Utensils:** It was determined to NOT use the gold utensils and to use the clear utensils.

**Napkins:** The Commission also thought we would need white napkins with gold design on it. Everyone is welcome to look for those. Peggy will also check.

**Backdrop:** We will probably purchase a Roaring 20's backdrop for the picture corner but we haven't found one yet. We will keep looking.

**New Year's Eve Gifts:** Bill Boschert usually get a lot of gifts for New Year's Eve which he won't be getting them this year. We will have to keep that in mind when we set up that gift corner – That will be a much smaller section. A few suggestions for gifts that we purchase were: air fryer and alexa.

**2022 Calendar:** Peggy said she and co-workers worked on dates for the 2022 parties and events that the Commission agreed on but she hasn't sent them to Eagan or the Theatre yet to make sure they will work with them. She will do that SOON as the Mayor's Office wants that in October for the calendar.

**Carol Henke's sister:** Peggy announced that Carol Henke's youngest sister suddenly passed away over the weekend and to please keep her in your prayers. She gave out Carol's address if they wanted to send her a card.

**The meeting was moved to adjourn by Bill Boschert and seconded by Dennise Lafferre.**

**Minutes were taken by Peggy Hogan.**