

**Senior Commission Meeting**  
**March 1, 2022**  
**Minutes**

The Senior Commission met on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 in the Senior Center. Chairman Carole Lowery called the meeting to order at 9:05 & introduced Mayor Tim Lowery. Mayor Tim Lowery presented Jan Daming a certificate for 22 years of service with the Senior Commission. To everyone's surprise the Mayor presented Jan with a Key to the City of Florissant. Jan was very honored to receive such a gift from Mayor Lowery.

Mayor Lowery talked about the first St. Patrick's parade March 13, 2022 and new playground dedication at Manion Park March 26, 2022. The Mayor answered a few questions.

Those present were Ann Alfano, Roberta Britton, La Fondria Brown, Jan Daming, Debbie Doering, Dennise Lafferre, Carol Lowery, Hector Nunez, Gene Royce, Carol Wagner, Pat Helfrich, Tom Wilkinson, Carolyn Conner, and Brenda Stokes. Those excused were Jerry Chancey, Margert Buchholz and John Jaworski. Also present was Bill Boschert and Ruth Azar former commission members to congratulate Jan Daming.

Peggy Hogan introduced a new guest that was invited to attend the meeting to observe and see if she was interested in joining the commission: Loretta Davis.

**MINUTES**

The minutes to the March meeting were read by Carol Lowery. They were approved by Pat Helfrich and seconded by Dennise Lafferre.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Jerry Chancey was not present, so Peggy read the report. Peggy stated that we balanced and was ahead with the gift basket sales and liquor from the 50's party and the refund from Shindigz. The Treasurer's report was approved by Jan Daming and seconded by Dennise Lafferre.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Fabulous Fifties Recap:**

- Attendance: We had 102 people we did better than we thought.
- Peggy passed out a financial report. We made approximately \$18.15 on this party.
- Menu: Everyone agreed that the burgers were BAD. Everyone agreed that maybe we shouldn't have hamburgers again. We have had bad luck both times with burgers. Peggy stated that she really liked Catering to You. Roberta talked about the fact that they were told not to serve the food from Catering to You. Peggy stated that John had apologized for the way that was handled, and Peggy would communicate better next time how the commission helps serve.

- Entertainment: Everyone absolutely loved Lamar's singing.
- Ann recommended that we should have background music playing when guests enter and during down time from the entertainment.

### **Aquarium Trip Recap:**

St. Louis Aquarium and Hodak's was attended by 48 people. Those on the commission that went felt that the aquarium didn't offer enough for the cost. Brenda thought the steps were a lot at Hodak's. Everyone agreed that this trip should not be repeated.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Member update:**

Peggy Hogan announced we have 17 members, and invited a new guest to observe and see if she is interested in joining the Commission: Loretta Davis.

#### **Tax Preparation Update:**

Peggy stated we get daily calls for free tax service. This was a hard decision to not offer taxes. AARP is not allowing in-person tax preparations in 2022. They were allowing drop off preparation and was going to allow only a 100 or so. The Senior office is giving out phone numbers for free tax preparations. Peggy has talked to our AARP representative that if things get better with COVID that AARP could return in March. Peggy stated there wasn't much chance of offering it in 2022, but we will definitely have AARP next year if they can.

#### **St. Patrick's Party:**

Peggy took it upon herself to raise the ticket price, due to the price of food increasing. Cindy Tornatores had emailed Peggy the new price for their meals going forward to \$15.95. Peggy shared several emails with Cindy and it was decided for the Commission to pay \$10.00 for St. Pat's and this will not include dessert. La Fondria will purchase Gift cards. The Commission will buy cupcakes from Sam's or Schnucks. The Commission will fill bowls with green popcorn. Roberta volunteered to purchase green popcorn. Peggy will check on bowls or bags and get the count to Roberta. We decided to have bottled water for one more event, we will also sell the last of the beer, wine and soda at \$1.00 each. We will state masks are strongly recommended we will wear masks and gloves when we serve. We will serve instead of having a buffet line.

#### **Resource Fair:**

Peggy let the Commission know that this event has 4 sponsors, and Senior Commission will just work the Coffee N Donuts and registration. We will need 6 or 7 tablecloths. Everyone should just really enjoy just being there and cleanup should be minimal.

#### **Lunch at the Lodge:**

Peggy stated that we will be taking reservations for this lunch with guest speaker Barbara Kay as Mary Todd Lincoln on April 29, 2022. If anyone wants to sign up they could see Kathy after the meeting.

#### **Kimmswick Trip:**

Peggy let everyone know tickets go on sale April 4, 2022 for \$40.00, and the trip will be on May 11, 2022 from 8:30am-3:00pm.

#### **Memorial Day:**

Senior Commission recommended that we try other caterers, but the Commission decided to have Peggy reach out to Cindy at Tornatores. Carol Lowery asked everyone to vote and it was unanimous to ask Tornatores for all our 2022 events. Peggy stated that the Hazelwood Central Marching Band will entertain, and the Florissant Police will present the Colors. Peggy asked everyone if asking Zach Schneider would be a good idea to talk about the Home Town Hero program. This will be a great time to acknowledge everyone for their service. Everyone agreed for Peggy to ask Zach. We will discuss the menu at the next meeting.

#### **Carnival:**

Peggy stated that we will have a Ring Leader (Greg Horta) with Archwell Health. Peggy is thinking 4 game sponsors for this event-Archwell will be one of them. Carol Henke has some games on loan from St. Sabina ring toss and duck pond. Peggy agreed with La Fondria about having the entertainment set for a specific time, and not roaming around the gym. Peggy stated that we should think about having one really good entertainment act and pay \$400.00 to \$500.00, but would be well worth it. Ideas included having popcorn. La fondria will check to see about her popcorn machine. Peggy talked about hotdogs and maybe having our husbands BBQ. Jan stated that we need really good hotdogs and everyone agreed yes, all beef and like stadium size hotdogs. We discussed lemonade and maybe ice cream. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

#### **New Year's Eve:**

Peggy had asked everyone at the last meeting to come up with ideas for a New Year's Eve theme. La Fondria suggested 70's Disco, Tea Party and Oscars Red Carpet. Brenda Stokes suggested the theme Frozen. Nothing was decided at this meeting, Peggy asked everyone to think about it for next meeting.

#### **Catering:**

Talking about catering prices and bad burgers sparked a whole conversation about trying different catering companies; Carolyn mentioned a company named Geneses, others said Lee's, Russo's Mann's Meat, Catering To You and Tornatores. Everyone discussed how Tornatores has always done a wonderful job, and if we start using, places like Lee's they just drop off the food we do the rest. Peggy and others also thought that maybe Tornatores could have had their

feelings hurt that we had used other caterers. Everyone agreed for Peggy to reach out to Cindy Tornatores and ask if they can provide a lunch for \$11.00 including dessert and they would do all the Senior Commission 2022 events.

**News:**

Peggy let everyone know there is a Memorial Mass for Rose Vierdag on March 19, 2022 at Sacred Heart Church at 11:30. Dennise Lafferre talked about the Missouri America Senior Pageant for age 60 and over, that this is a Florissant event held at our theater on Sunday May 1, 2022.

**The meeting was moved to Adjourn by Hector Nunez and seconded by Tom Wilkinson.  
Minutes taken by Kathy Biondo.**