

# Senior Commission Meeting

## December 6, 2022

### Minutes

The Senior Commission met on Tuesday December 6, 2022 at Sunset Nature Lodge. Senior Commission chairman Carole Lowery called the meeting to order at 10:10. Those present were Roberta Britton, La Fondria Brown, Jerry Chancey, Carolyn Conner, Debbie Doering, Pat Helfrich, Carl Knutson, Dennise Lafferre, Carole Lowery, Hector Nunez, Gene Royce, Lisa Smith, Brenda Stokes, Carol Wagner, Rosemary Wall and Tom Wilkinson. Excused were John Jaworski and Ann Alfano.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes to the December meeting were read by Carole Lowery. The minutes were approved by Pat Helfrich and seconded by Dennise Lafferre.

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

The Treasurer's report was read by Jerry Chancey, Jerry stated since the end of October we started making purchases for New Year's Eve. As of November 30, 2022, the checkbook balanced and we have no outstanding checks. The Treasury report was approved by La Fondria Brown and seconded by Carl Knutson.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **River City Casino Trip Recap:**

Those on the Senior Commission that went thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Everyone stated that the food was amazing. Jerry stated some had more fun than others, and we definitely had some winners. A trip worth repeating.

##### **Dogs & Doozles Recap:**

Peggy stated that CHAMPS had canceled and we had to get a replacement. Peggy reached out to Duo Dogs and they were booked, but the CEO said she could come and bring Evie the Ambassador for Duo Dogs. Carolyn stated her sister was disappointed that CHAMPS wasn't there. Once the presentation started her sister really enjoyed what Duo Dogs had to say. All senior Commission members that went enjoyed the whole event. Chilis provided a great lunch and they enjoyed Doozles ice cream. Peggy stated at our events at Sunset Nature Lodge we will only be able to accommodate 50 guests due to space. We had 60 guests for this event.

#### **New Business**

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

- Entertainment: The St. Charles Big Band
- Decorations: Disco Theme, silver table skirting for bars & misc. tables sitting around. Disco ball, tablecloths will be black, the napkins will coordinate with the colors of the tea lights. Small copies of a 45 record will go with the table numbers. We have disco theme hats and tiaras. We have disco theme noise makers.
- Centerpieces: The base will be a square mirror. Glass vase with silver diamond band at the top, with a glass disco ball sitting on top, silver beads inside & a battery operated tea light that can be set to a certain color to match the theme.
- Appetizers: Small plastic wine cups with strawberries & grapes, small skewers stick with sausage cubes, cheese cubes and crackers. These will be placed at each table setting. The Senior Commission will put together the skewers the day before and the rest of the items the morning of the party.
- Dinner: Caterer Tornatores, Chicken Piccata, Baby Buttered Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad & Dessert Cheese Cake. Senior Commission decided they would like to continue to serve the guest at their table.
- Drinks: Peggy stated she has asked for a beer donation from Grey Eagle. Peggy will purchase the wine, non-alcoholic champagne and soda. We will make coffee and water for self-serve.
- Donations/Gifts: Peggy and Lisa Smith came up with ideas on who to solicit. Peggy stated we have \$300.00 to spend on gifts and \$300.00 on gift cards. Senior Commission asked La Fondria to purchase a

32" TV, large clock from Sam's Club, Keurig, Heated Blanket, and 12 \$25.00 Gift Cards. Lisa Smith donated an Echo Dot.

- Raffles: There will be a basket Raffle and 50/50.
- Coat Check: Peggy stated she will ask Parks Dept if they can move all the coat racks to James J Eagan Center. Coat racks will be outside the Gym doors.
- Setup: Peggy asked the Senior Commission to be there at 10:00am on Friday December 30<sup>th</sup>, and 8:00am on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Peggy stated on December 30<sup>th</sup> set up she will order lunch from Pirrones Pizza.

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

Peggy stated this will be a Senior Office event, and was just wanting the Senior Commission to be aware this will be a ticketed event. This will take place on February 10, 2023. Tickets will go on sale January 23, for residents and January 24, for non-residents. Ticket price is \$10 for R and \$15 for NR. We will have a REPTILE EXPERIENCE! Meet Steve Serengeti from America's Got Talent and a member of the Guinness Book of World Records.

#### **Gateway Arch Trip:**

This trip will take place on February 15, 2023. The Gateway Arch Museum and the Famous Spaghetti Factory. Tickets will go on sale January 10, for residents and January 11, for non-residents.

#### **Meet & Greet:**

Peggy stated this will be a Senior office event, and just wanted the Senior Commission to be aware. The Senior office will take reservations for a group of no more than 40 people. The Senior office will have coffee & donuts. The first event will take place on February 28, 2023 at 10:00am to 11:00am. Cooking with Marge! Reservations can be made starting February 21, 2023.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

**Email Permissions:** Peggy asked the Senior Commission that attended the Murder Mystery event held by Delmar Gardens, if they would like to give email permission to Delmar Gardens for future events. Those who would not like to receive an email was Carl Knutson, Debbie Doering, Carol Wagner, Hector Nunez and Jerry Chancey.

**Commission Involvement:** Peggy Stated Ann Alfano thought it would be good for the Senior Commission be more involved with City events. Great Day St. Louis at next year's Fall Festival was talked about. Everyone on the commission voted unanimously that they would love to be more involved with events. This will be discussed at the January Senior Commission meeting.

**Commission Storage:** Peggy stated that we really need to clean out our storage area at the Eagan Center. Everyone agreed we will do this in January . Will discuss the date and time at the January Senior Commission meeting.

**January Commission Meeting:** Peggy asked with the New Year's Eve Party on the weekend. They would like to move the meeting date from Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> . Everyone agreed to hold the meeting on January 10, 2023 at 10:00am

**Commission Meeting Time:** Peggy asked the Senior Commission if they would like to change the meeting time from 9:00am to 10:00am and they unanimously voted yes to change the meeting to 10:00am.

**Catering:** Peggy stated Tony Lonero would like to come and talk to the Senior Commission about catering for the Senior Commission events for 2023. Everyone agreed to have Tony Lonero attend the January 10<sup>th</sup> Senior Commission meeting.

**The meeting was moved to adjourn by La Fondria Brown and seconded by Hector Nunez.**

**The minutes taken by Kathy Biondo**