

Senior Advisory Commission September 5, 2023

CITY OF FLORISSANT Senior Advisory Commission Minutes



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The Senior Commission met on Tuesday, September 5, 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, Carole Lowery, Hector Nunez, Gene Royce, Lisa Smith, Brenda Stokes, Rosemary Wall & Tom Wilkinson. Excused were La Fondria Brown, Carl Knutson & Dennise Lafferre.

MINUTES:

The minutes to the August meeting were read by Joyce Chancey. There was one correction to the August meeting Mercy Matter of Balance date from September 8th to September 11th. The minutes were approved by Lisa Smith and seconded by Pat Helfrich.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report was read by Jerry Chancey. Jerry stated the only changes in the balance was the \$1.00 bank statement fee. Jerry stated it is time to spend money. The Treasury report was approved by Tom Wilkinson and seconded by Joyce Chancey.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meet & Greet Barbara Kay as Betsy Ross. Peggy asked Senior Commission members that attended their thoughts. Everyone agreed that she is always a wonderful speaker. Peggy stated that the Senior Office will have Barbara Kay next year in our Meet & Greet lineup.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ameristar Casino trip for Thursday, September 7, 2023:

This trip is a little bit smaller in attendance due to the fact some seniors say they can drive there. One great feature is this trip will include a private lunch.

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

Peggy stated that the programs were finalized this morning and ready for print. All the organizations will be attending. The caterer will be Catering To You. Peggy stated we will get more orange juice so we don't run out. The theme will be red, white, and blue. We will setup on Wednesday the 13th at 2:00pm.

Halloween Party & Bingo Thursday, October 26, 2023:

Everyone agreed to change the menu to chicken piccata. Peggy talked with Cindy at Tornatores Catering to discuss the new menu. This menu will be chicken piccata, pasta, vegetable, salad, rolls/butter and apple cake. The price will be \$12.50.

- Decorations: We have Halloween decorations. Peggy will take inventory on tablecloths.
- Entertainment: Nostalgia will perform Motown music.
- Attendance Prizes: Lisa Smith solicited vendors for gift cards, she has Florissant Diner, Goeke Produce, and Red Lobster. Lisa will be getting more gift cards and mums.
- Costume Contest: There will be cash prizes for the top three.
- Bingo Prizes: There will be: \$10.00 cash prize per game and \$25.00 for coverall.
- Drinks: Tea, Water & Coffee

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New Year's Eve Sunday December 31, 2023:

Peggy stated that Lonero Catering has closed their doors and we must find a new caterer for New Year's Eve. Catering To You gave us a bid of \$16.81 per person. Tornatores Catering had a death in the family and will get back with Peggy in the next few weeks with menu choices and prices. Peggy will contact Grey Eagle for a beer donation. The Senior Commission will purchase wine, soda and sparkling grape juice. We will need to order champagne flutes. The Senior Office received a donation of gold and silver decorations. Peggy showed the Senior Commission and everyone agreed they would work perfectly. Peggy will check on linen prices to purchase to own or just use disposable tablecloths. Kathy mentioned that the Senior Commission can use the gold chargers from Sacred Heart. Kathy will check with Sacred Heart to see what vases they have available. Peggy will look into purchasing gold/silver hats and tiaras. Last year the Senior Commission assembled the appetizers and they took a lot of time. Peggy found a nice plastic container that would hold our appetizers and a fork & napkin. Everyone agreed these would work great. Peggy will reach out to Oak Street Health. They had offered to sponsor a photo booth and she will ask if they would still be interested.

Health & Wellness Classes:

Peggy wanted the Senior Commission to be aware of the classes from Mercy, SSM and Oasis starting in the Fall.

Community Involvement:

Peggy was happy to inform the Senior Commission that their shirts would be arriving in the next few weeks. The Senior Commission will write one check for the total and everyone will pay back the Senior Commission when the shirts arrive. The Senior Commission will have their shirts for their first event, Fall Festival at City Hall with Great Day St. Louis. Senior Commission will have a tent on St. Francois for Fall Festival on Sunday, October 8th from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Senior Commission will sign-up for 2 hour shifts at the October 3rd meeting. The Senior Commission had discussed having a basket raffle at their tent. Joyce Chancey, Debbie Doering & Pat Helfrich will put the basket together. Item ideas for the basket are the Green Line Tour book, book of Florissant, Florissant golf cart flag, Red Apple Fall cookie jar w/cookies, City of Florissant coffee cup, hat from Henke's and maybe purchasing some gift cards from local establishments. The Senior Commission had talked about having something to sell at their tent. Senior Commission agreed to sell a coffee cup. Senior Commission voted on the style and color. The campfire coffee cup won and the color blue was the choice color. The Senior Commission will also purchase pens printed with the new Senior Office address. Those will be given away to anyone who registers to win the Fall Festival basket. Senior Commission has agreed they will need a banner. Peggy will reach out to Goldmark to get these items ordered.

2024 Calendar:

- **2024 Dances:**

Peggy stated we will have our first dance Thursday February 15, 2024 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Everyone agreed to just purchase \$1.00 tablecloths. More will be discussed as we get closer.

- **St. Patrick's Party & Bingo Thursday, March 14, 2024:**

Peggy stated she has booked the entertainment O'Faolain Academy of Irish Dance

- **Meet & Greet:**

The Senior Office is setting up 2024 Meet & Greets. There will be a great lineup.

JFK Update:

Peggy stated that JFK will be closed for two weeks starting September 4th. The drywall ceiling has been taken down in the Senior Center, offices will be painted. The shower will be removed in the restroom and a new toilet will be installed in replacement. The concrete has been removed in front and being replaced and new landscaping being added.

Next Senior Commission Meeting will be Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 10:00am.

Adjournment Tom Wilkinson moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Pat Helfrich.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:10.