

CITY OF FLORISSANT
Senior Advisory Commission Minutes



November 7, 2023

The Senior Commission met on Tuesday, November 7, 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, Dennise Lafferre, Carol Liebler, Carole Lowery, Hector Nunez, Gene Royce, Lisa Smith, Brenda Stokes, Rosemary Wall. Excused were La Fondria Brown, Carl Knutson, and Tom Wilkinson.

MINUTES:

The minutes to the November meeting were read by Dennise Lafferre. The minutes were approved by Brenda Stokes and seconded by Pat Helfrich.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jerry read the treasurer's report and explained all the deductions and deposits. Jerry stated that he hadn't changed the statement from paper to electronic, but will take care of that for next month. Jerry stated that the checkbook had balanced, and there are no outstanding checks. The treasury report was approved by Debbie Doering and seconded by Lisa Smith.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Involvement October 6 & 8:

Peggy asked Senior Commission members their opinion about attending Great Day St. Louis at City Hall. Everyone that attended really enjoyed. Some felt that more it would have been better if more of the Senior Commission members would have attended. Senior Commission really enjoyed the Fall Festival and selling coffee cups.

Lunch at the Golf Course October 10th Recap:

Peggy asked Senior Commission members that attended their opinion. Those that attended really enjoyed the entertainment and loved being at the golf course. They would like to go to the golf course again.

Halloween Party & Bingo October 26th Recap:

Peggy passed out a Halloween Party & Bingo Recap. Peggy stated we had 180 guests in attendance. Everyone agreed Tornatores Catering really did a great job. They always have great food and wonderful service. Peggy stated the individual bags of skinny pop cost more money then just putting popcorn in a bowl. Everyone agreed they would still pay more since it made easier for setup. Peggy stated we needed to make more tea, and we purchased a coffee pot since one stopped working the day of the event. Peggy asked the Senior Commission their thoughts about the entertainment. Lisa Smith really liked them. Some felt the music was good, but you really couldn't dance to the songs they chose to sing. Peggy thanked Lisa Smith for getting 11 mums donated from Archwell Health, and soliciting area businesses for gift cards. Peggy stated since we raised the price of the pot of gold and 50/50 that really helped to generate more revenue. Some members felt that would should have announced that the price was going to increase. It was suggested that we could have the prices on the tickets and flyers. Carole suggested that we also make an announcement 10 minutes before closing so they would have a warning.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Trip Plaza Messina & St. Louis Strutters Wednesday, December 6:

Tickets went on sale on Monday November 6 and are sold out.

New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31:

Peggy stated this event will take place on a Sunday and we will setup on Saturday at 9:00am and the party at 8:30am. Peggy bought silver and gold hats and tierras. Peggy will order the programs and will be sending out the solicitation letters soon. It was discussed on what gifts should be purchased. The ideas are a very nice throw, TV, and City of Florissant basket. Carol Liebler and Joyce Chancey are going to shop and put together a Florissant basket. Lisa Smith will get with Peggy and decide who to solicit for gift cards. The Senior Commission will spend \$300.00 to purchase gift cards.

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- Decorations: Black tablecloths, Gold Chargers, Silver & Gold centerpieces, Gold skirting and Gold fringe for the stage and a banner that says Happy New Year for the stage.
- Entertainment: St. Charles Big Band
- Photo Booth: Looking to get a confirmation from Oak Street Health. Service will be provided by Rich Kling Photography. Oak Street Health will be the sponsor.
- Appetizers: Will be sausage, cheese, grapes and crackers.
- Dinner Menu: Tornatores Catering- Cost will be \$13.50 for Amaretto Chicken, potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and cheese cake.
- Drinks: Coffee, tea, water, and Senior Office will order soda, wine, and sparkling grape juice. Senior Office will also purchase utensils, champagne, wine, soda cups, napkins, and appetizers, etc.

Senior Commission Christmas Party December 12:

- The party was changed from Tuesday December 5th to Tuesday December 12th. Senior Commission voted to have the party catered by Tornatores and everyone agreed to have chicken.
- Location: JFK Senior Center
- Time: 11:30am
- Cost: \$16.50 per person
- Menu: Holiday Cranberry Chicken, lightly breaded and sautéed and laid in cranberry glaze-butter, brown sugar, cranberry juice and orange juice, little potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and cheese cake.
- Drinks: Coffee, tea, and water.

2024 Calendar:

Peggy advised the Senior Commission members there will be four new exercise programs coming to the New Senior center. These will be starting in March 2024

- Regular Exercise 1
- Regular Exercise 2
- Line Dancing
- Vitality and Motion

JFK Update:

The Senior Center will be moving items during November & December. The Final move and grand opening will be in January.

Upcoming Events in Florissant:

Kathy let the Senior Commission know that the Senior Center will be open for the Old Town Partners Holiday Market Stroll on Friday November 17th from 5pm-8pm selling coffee cups and giving cups of hot coco. Tablescape will be open at the Shrine starting on November 17th. December 8th from 6pm-8pm a walk-through Bethlehem will be at the Shrine grounds. Miracle on St. Francois, Grand parade and City Hall Tree Lighting will be Saturday, November 25th from 1pm-6pm. Historic Florissant will have their annual House Tour on Sunday, November 26, 2023 1pm-6pm.

Employee update:

Debbie Rupp who worked for the Senior office for many years has been very sick and there will be a prayer and rosary service Wednesday November 8, 2023 at 7pm everyone will be meeting in the parking lot. Please bring a rosary and candle. Peggy asked everyone to keep Debbie and her family in your prayers.

Next Senior Commission Meeting will be Tuesday December 5, 2023 at 10:00am.

Adjournment: Debbie Doering moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Lisa Smith.

Clerk Typist

Kathy Biando