

CITY OF FLORISSANT
Senior Advisory Commission Minutes



February 5, 2024

The Senior Commission met on Monday, February 5, 2024 at the Senior Office. Carole Lowery called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Those present were Ann Alfano, Roberta Britton, Jerry Chancey, Debbie Doering, Pat Helfrich, Dennise Lafferre, Carole Lowery, Hector Nunez, Gene Royce, Lisa Smith, Brenda Stokes, Rosemary Wall. Excused were La Fondria Brown, Joyce Chancey, Carolyn Conner, Carol Liebler, Carl Knutson, and Tom Wilkinson.

MINUTES:

The minutes to the January meeting were read by Dennise Lafferre. The minutes were approved by Hector Nunez and seconded by Brenda Stokes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jerry read the Treasurer's report and explained all the deposits and deductions. The checkbook balanced and there were no outstanding checks.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recap Meet & Greet Elliot Davis- Peggy asked Senior Commission members who attended their opinion. Everyone agreed Elliot Davis was very nice and a really good speaker.

NEW BUSINESS:

Day Time Dance Thursday, February 15:

Peggy stated that tickets sales have been slow. Peggy stated that the advertisement for the daytime time dances was not going to be in the Spotlight. Peggy mentioned that we thought the first dance would have a low attendance. Once the word gets out how fun the dances are we should get larger attendance. Senior Commission all discussed selling tickets at the door. This is normally not done but with the low attendance they decided to do so for the first dance.

TAXES 2024:

Kathy passed out information to Senior Commission that signed up to work. Peggy stated that we will have our first tax appointments tomorrow. Peggy thanked all Senior Commission members who signed up to work.

Meet & Greet:

This will be on Tuesday, February 27, Dan Fuller with Bellefontaine Cemetery Saints & Sinners Presentation. Kathy passed around the sign-up sheet for Senior Commission.

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

Peggy stated we have booked Tornatores for St. Patrick's and for our three other events. Peggy spoke with Cindy from Tornatores and the price of corned beef is really expensive. The cost of the meal with dessert will be \$15.99. Peggy mentioned that with the price change of pot of gold and basket chances we will see an increase to help offset the increase of the meal. Senior Commission decided to have green popcorn in bowls. Peggy will get with Roberta in March with the amount of popcorn to purchase. Senior Commission voted to sell leftover beer, wine and soda for \$1.00 each. Peggy stated last year we decided we need to order some small Irish flags for the room to get more color.

- Menu: Corned Beef, cabbage, mashed potatoes, salad, rye bread and butter, dessert is a cookie and vanilla ice cream.
- Entertainment: O' Faolain Academy of Irish Dance
- Bingo- Cash Prizes
- Decorations: Green, Orange, White tables cloths and Irish flags.
- Snacks: Individual bowls of green popcorn.
- Drinks: Coffee, Tea, Water, Sell Beer, Wine and Soda for \$1.00 each.

Trip Moohlah Shrine Circus & Lunch Friday, March 22:

Peggy stated that any Senior Commission member that wanted to sign up could see Kathy. This trip will take place on a Friday and the Senior lunch program will have lunch on Thursday, March 21.

Grand Opening of JFK Community & Senior Center:

Peggy stated this will take place on Thursday, March 28 from 10:00am-7:00pm. Peggy would like all Senior Commission members to be there if possible and wear their blue shirts. Senior Center ribbon cutting will be at 9:30am, those in attendance will be the Mayor, Chamber, and Council. Peggy stated that she will be getting together with Steve Weiersmueller and discussing the food, games and prizes for the day. Peggy will have more information at the March Senior Commission meeting.

Senior Citizen Resource Fair:

Peggy stated this will be on Tuesday, April 9th, at JFK. Peggy has been in contact with new vendors. Peggy stated invitations have been emailed out to 90 vendors. Peggy would like to get 60 to 70 vendors. Peggy stated that Senior Commission will help with serving coffee, water and donuts. More of this will be discussed at the March Senior Commission meeting.

News:

Peggy wanted to share information about our new exercise programs. We have never been able to use Mastercard. We will be using a new program called Civic Rec down the road and will be able to take Mastercard. Peggy explained that there are benefits of Silver Sneakers and Renew Active, there are also disadvantages. It has been noted that those who sign up with Silver Sneakers or Renew Active don't always attend the class. This happens because they don't have to pay so to them, they are not out any money. This in turn leaves someone else out who would like to pay for the class. Once they don't attend to swipe their card, we don't get reimbursed from the insurance company. So, the classes will have a small fee of \$20.00 for residents and \$25.00 for non-residents. These are 8-week sessions and breaks down to \$2.00 per class. Peggy wanted Senior Commission know that she is still trying to return their broken coffee pot, there seems to be an issue with the return label.

Next Senior Commission Meeting will be on Tuesday March 5, 2024 at 10:00am

Adjournment: Pat Helfrich moved to adjourn at 11:15 and seconded by Hector Nunez.

Clerk Typist

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