

**MINUTES  
SENIORS COMMISSION  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
February 7, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Seniors Commission was called to order by Chairperson Jeanette Remsen at 7:07pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex. Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chairperson Jeanette Remsen led the Commission in the salute to our flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Marita Dinnini, Rachel Jezior, Virginia (Ginny) Kramer, Jeanette Remsen, James (Jim) Wolfe

Absent: Marion Crocker, Cncl. Marvin Dilks

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ginny Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Seniors Commission Meeting of December 6, 2018 and January 10, 2019. The motion was seconded by Jim Wolfe and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance.

**GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

The general public discussion was moved from the end of the meeting to the beginning to accommodate Brandee Derieux, who is the Director of Community Affairs. She discussed Mr. DiLucia's goal to do more for the seniors. There will be a Valentine's Day social 12-2pm next Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. After breakfast and lunch, dessert will be served. There will also be games such as jumbo dominoes, bingo and pinochle. Brandee would like to start weekly pinochle tournaments, trips to the movies, and arts and crafts sessions. Jeanette said that a few years ago there was a senior's club that met once a week at the Pfeiffer Center. The program dissolved because there wasn't enough people and there was no transportation. Brandee mentioned that they were going to make the new program work for the seniors. The movie theater she is interested in is willing to give discount tickets for group purchases. The township bus will also be utilized, to make it affordable for the seniors. Anyone who has ideas or suggestions is welcome to contact Brandee.

Tax appointments are already booked and Brandee is looking to find other companies that are willing to help the seniors with filing their taxes. Some of the other towns that help seniors with their taxes have recently stopped doing free taxes, which only leaves 4 towns in South Jersey for the seniors to go to.

Brandee is also looking to make other changes at the Pfeiffer Center. The bathrooms are in serious need of an update. Jeanette has requested that a chair height toilet be placed in the new bathroom and Brandee thought that was a good idea. Because the update will require a lot of work and money, the first step will be to do a deep cleaning followed by painting. ADA ramps will be coming to Pfeiffer Center for those who would like to come in, or need to use the food pantry. One goal for the future is to have the food pantry in its own building outside of the Pfeiffer Center. The DiNovi building was discussed as a possibility, if it could be salvageable.

**GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION** (cont'd)

There will be a Valentine dance this year at the Pfeiffer Center for the children. It will be \$3 admission, which includes a token to be redeemed for one free item. There will also be snacks available for purchase. Because the Pfeiffer Center cannot make a profit from the event, any money that is generated will be used to host another event.

The Art Festival will be hosted by the Department of Community Affairs. It will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 12-5pm on Main Street.

Jim discussed a summer bowling program that Brandee might be interested in doing with the seniors. Currently, the bowling alley has a special for \$8 which includes 3 games, lunch and 2 free games per week. Marita mentioned that at Holiday City, they have Wii bowling.

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

As of right now, there will no bus pickups at Holiday City. Holiday City is not Township property, so the buses will leave from the Pfeiffer Center. Jeanette has been getting complaints from people attending the trips that they have to drive all the way to Holiday City to get on the bus. Marita mentioned that anyone who is handicapped could get on the bus at the Pfeiffer Center and then stop at Holiday City, this way those who are handicapped would be on the bus first and the bus could still stop at Holiday City. Rachel questioned why this wasn't an option. Jeanette said the bus won't stop at Holiday City because they are not getting paid to make another stop. Rachel and Marita mentioned that majority of the trips attendees are from Holiday City and they would be willing to check to people in, so that Jeanette wouldn't have to do the work at the Pfeiffer Center and Holiday City. Until Jeanette finds out about insurance and other issues, the bus will not be picking up at Holiday City.

A blood drive will be held at the Pfeiffer Center on August 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-7:30pm. There will also be one on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The goal for the blood drive being held on February 8<sup>th</sup> is 19 pints and as of right now, there are 31 people signed up.

Marita did all the phone calls for the January trip. Rachel did all the phone calls for the blood drive. Ginny did all the phone calls for the Culinary Arts trip. Jeanette asked that Jim do all the calls for the March trip and he agreed.

Right now there is no trip for April. The trip was supposed to be at Mt. Hope Estates for hors d'oeuvres, sit down luncheon and a show. The only food options were pork or vegetarian. Jeanette said a trip could not be offered with only two food options. Marita suggested a few trips for April, including bingo on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> in New Hope, which is near Peddler's Village.

Future trips:

May 23<sup>rd</sup>- Tomasello Winery

October- Crab Fest

November 6<sup>th</sup>- Sight and Sound for the Miracle of Christmas

March 18, 2020- Queen Esther

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS** (cont'd)

The new fliers will be month by month. Monroe Township residents have a “pay by” date and then after that the trip is open to nonresidents. The last trip was filled before it was even open to nonresidents. Jeanette knows that the Tomasello trip will fill up in a few days, so she will have to ask the Mayor how he wants to handle this situation.

Jim’s wife runs a bus trip around Christmas time that goes around town to look at the lights. The passengers get hot chocolate and donuts and they sing Christmas carols. Jeanette mentioned that this might be a nice trip for Brandee to host.

Marita suggested a few trips for June. She said that Dutch Apple is hosting Camelot from May 9<sup>th</sup> to June 22<sup>nd</sup> and Annie is from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Jeanette Remsen asked for a motion to adjourn. Jim Wolfe made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Seniors Commission Meeting of February 7, 2019. The motion was seconded by Ginny Kramer; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Wahl, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Seniors Commission meeting is Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

*These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Reorganization Seniors Commission Meeting of February 7, 2019 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.*

Approved as submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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