

**MINUTES
SENIORS COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
FEBRUARY 3, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Seniors Commission was called to order by Chairperson Angela Broderick at 7:00pm in the Pfeiffer Community Center. Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Chairperson, Angela Broderick led the Commission in the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Angela Broderick, Judith Ciarlante, Donna Curtin, Marita Dinnini, Judith Lumanog, Corine Stark and Nancy Verrecchio

Absent: Patricia Adams and Cncl. Falcone

Guest: Brandee Derieux

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corine Stark made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Seniors Commission Reorganization Meeting of January 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Nancy Verrechio and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Angela created a list of the members' names and emails, which she passed around for everyone to add their phone numbers. She will update the list and distribute copies at the next meeting.

Director of Community Affairs, Brandee Derieux addressed the members present to explain her roll with the Commission, explaining that she helps the Commission by processing their deposits and purchase orders for the various trips. Ms. Derieux explained, currently the Commission does not have their budget amount for the year. She noted, as the members decide on this years' trips, the maximum deposit that can be made for each trip is \$500.00, until the 2022 budget is approved. She asked that the members keep her informed as to what trips they are scheduling throughout the year, how many people will be attending each trip, and the discount that is to be given for each trip so that she can properly prepare the needed purchase orders. Corrine asked, when collecting payment for the trips, how do the checks need to be written out, to which Brandee explained that the checks need to be written to Monroe Township and the name of the trip written in the memo section. Judy L. asked, if cash is allowed for those who do not write checks, to which Brandee confirmed cash is allowed to be taken as payment. Brandee explained the receipt process and noted, she will provide the Commission with a receipt book. Angela suggested that the person who is handling each individual trip should be the person to handle collecting the money for that trip, to which everyone agreed that the less hands in the pot the better.

- **Trip ideas for 2022**

Angela passed around a calendar which she created with various trips listed for year. She asked for suggestions on other trips that the members would like to see scheduled and asked who would like to be the group leader on each trip along with the co-leader. Angela stressed the importance of having a co-

leader on each trip, noting to lessen any confusion in the future, the tip for the bus drivers will now be included in the cost of the trip. Brandee explained why the tip money cannot be included in the cost of the trip and that it needs to be collected separately. It was decided after some discussion that the cost of the tip can be included on the trip flyers to ensure everyone is aware of the cost and that it gets collected.

On the calendar, she has listed a trip to the Crab Trap and Harrah's Casino on March 22nd with an alternative date of March 29th, dinner at the Culinary Arts School on April 5th, Sight and Sound on May 11th and a Phillies Game on August 22nd. Marita volunteered to be the group leader for the Crab Trap and Harrah's Casino trip with Donna as the co-leader. Donna volunteered to be the group leader for the Culinary Arts trip in April and Corrine said she is going to be the group leader for the Sight and Sound trip in May.

Nancy volunteered to call and get information for the September 11th Memorial Trip and will report back at the next meeting. Angela spoke regarding the Phillies Game on August 22nd, noting this is tentatively scheduled as there is a required \$300.00 deposit and \$250.00 of that deposit is non-refundable.

- **Reservation of trip tickets**

Angela explained how tickets were "reserved" and the purchase of trip tickets were handled in the past. A discussion ensued regarding the reservation of trip tickets. Corrine expressed her concerns with reserving tickets. Corrine spoke regarding refunds, to which Angela explained how refunds were issued for trips in the years past.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Marita stated that she has spoken with Marnie at Safety Tours about possible overnight trips. She spoke regarding an overnight trip that includes the Seafood Fest at Hunts Landing, PA which is an all-you-can-eat lobster seafood fest, one night at the Best Western, a Sands Casino package, hot breakfast at the hotel and round-trip coach accommodations for approximately \$298.00 per person. Judy L. said there is a day trip in Hurlock, Maryland that sounds nice, it's the Suicide Bridge Crab Fest Paddleboat Cruise. Marita will call and confirm the prices and get some tentative dates for both trips and report back her findings at the next meeting.

Judy L. asked how the budget works in regards to the trips and discounts, to which Angela and Corine explained how the budget and how the discounts are decided for each trip. A discussion followed regarding how the budget and discounts were used in the past.

Corine spoke regarding looking into scheduling a trip to see a Christmas show and possibly dinner afterwards. Nancy suggested going to the Grand Theatre on Main Street and having dinner at a local restaurant. Angela volunteered to research the shows, ticket prices and local restaurants that will be able to accommodate such a group trip.

Angela asked if the members present were in agreeance with the trips that are tentatively scheduled, to which everyone agreed. Angela said she will secure the trips and make the deposits for the dinner at the Culinary Arts School and for the Crab Trap/Harrahs's trip since both have refundable deposits. She will not secure the Phillies Game since a portion of that deposit is non-refundable, however, once the Commission's budget is secured, she will confirm that trip.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Donna Curtin made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Seniors Commission Meeting of February 3, 2022. The motion was seconded by Angela Broderick and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harbison, Acting Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Seniors Commission meeting is Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Seniors Commission Meeting of February 3, 2022 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ **Date** _____
Approved as corrected _____ **Date** _____