

**MINUTES
SENIORS COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
May 4, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Seniors Commission was called to order by Chairperson Corine Stark at 4:30pm in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex. Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Chairperson, Corine Stark led the Commission in the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Patricia Adams, Judith Lumanog, Meryl Murtha, MaryAnn Nunes, James O'Toole, Mary O'Toole
Corine Stark, Marita Dinnini and Cncl. Carolann Fox

Absent:

Guest:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Patricia Adams made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Seniors Commission meeting of April 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by James O'Toole and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance.

Patricia Adams made a motion to approve the attendance as submitted of the Seniors Commission meeting of April 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Meryl Murtha and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance.

Judy Lumanog mad a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Seniors Commission meeting of March 2, 2023. The motion was seconded by Patricia Adams and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Meryl questioned about the DooWop Christmas show and Corine explained the commission declined due to Community Affairs offering the trip.

There was a discussion regarding the budget for 2023. Corine stated that she spoke with Brandee Derieux and the budget has not been finalized as of yet. There is an estimate of \$6000 in the account currently. Cncl. Carolann Fox stated the budget committee are working on it and reached out to Mayor Wolf and Business Administrator Jim Dehart. Cncl. Carolann received word back and reported that **tentatively** the commission has been allocated around \$9700.00 for the 2023 year and changes/needs are up for discussion.

MaryAnn spoke in detail in regards to the Mystery Theater Dinner. The date is scheduled for October 25, 2023 She reached out to Brandee Derieux and they calculated totals for ticket pricing. This event is being offered to all residents 21 years of age and older with seniors getting early access to ticket sales. Seniors 55+ ticket price will be \$60.00 and ticket sales will begin August 1,2023 giving seniors first availability. Ticket sales for 21-54 (non-senior's) years of age will begin September 1, 2023 and ticket prices for this age group will be \$70.00. Cncl. Carolann asked MaryAnn about non-seniors. Maryann explained in order to have a larger turnout due to venue occupancy being 350, they would need to open up sales to 21 years of age and older. Maryann expressed that she would like to create a save-the-date especially for first responders due to their scheduling and seniors being on fixed incomes. Maryann would like to reserve tables by using a table form. Meryl will be configuring a seating arrangement from the seating reservation form. Corine asked Maryann how she was going to distribute tickets and suggested to set dates during the evening as well as the day for people who work and cannot make it during day sales times. MaryAnn stated she would figure times out to be fair to everyone.

Judy asked that we make sure that we have hard copies of flyers not just internet-based flyers due to a lot of seniors not using computers.

Patricia made a comment that she feels that first responders should not have to pay for any events the Township offers. Judy Lumanog made a motion to table the discussion for a future meeting. Patricia seconded the motion. All members agreed.

B.A. Jim Dehart stopped in and Corine explained what was being discussed. She explained that any monies left over from Mystery Theater dinner would be allocated to utilize towards the Christmas Party which is co-hosted by Community Affairs.

Jim Dehart went on to explain the budget and trust accounts and the difference between the two accounts and how everything works.

B.A. Jim Dehart also suggested for advertising exposure the commission can get a subsection on the township website that will showcase all of their upcoming trips. He also advised to create a Facebook account which could be private and geared towards the seniors in the community for the upcoming trips and details.

Corine asked Jim Dehart about anyone purchasing for trips and such, do we have the legal right to ask for identification due to residency restrictions for most trips.

MaryAnn motioned for Brandi Adler to look into getting Seniors Commission a Facebook page. The motion was seconded by Meryl Murtha. All members agreed.

Corine asked Patty if she could keep the calendars between, Commission, Community Affairs and Holiday City so we do not have conflicting trips scheduled. Patty accepted the responsibility and all members in favor to approve.

Jim O'Toole reached out to Jerry Lobe through the travel agency for the cruise and originally, he blocked off 18 rooms but unfortunately those rooms fell through so he found a blocked group of 30 rooms which will be shared with another group. Jim spoke with Brandee Derieux about getting a brochure made and she stated that she had someone that makes them which the flyer was posted on the website. The flyer was posted to see how many interested parties there would be. Jim has already had a response from several people in regards to attending the cruise. Jerry will be dealing with the monies and questions for the cruise and the Seniors Commission will be responsible for the transportation access to Bayonne. Corine asked Jim to contact Brandee to find out what the minimum is for reserving busing. If there are only 8-10 people going will there be a plan B for transportation such as sprinter bus or limo service. Jim questioned when to start calling Jerry to register for the cruise and Corine replied once Jim speaks with Brandee in regards to options for transport and that is finalized we can move forward with residents scheduling their rooms.

Jim also discussed getting together a contact list of all the senior communities and a physical contact for each for advertising purposes. Brandee told Jim she was in fact working on one but Jim feels as though Brandee is overwhelmed with all her duties and Jim thinks the commission needs to be more proactive and take accountability for the operations of the commission.

Jim thinks if we have a contact list it will be executed better to get the information out to the residents. Corine asked Jim if he could spearhead the contact list to be more organized. Each member will find contacts and be responsible for that area.

Meryl made a motion for everyone to bring contacts to the next meeting to build up the contact list. MaryAnn seconded the motion.

- Trip Suggestions

All members were asked to look into possible trips for June and in the fall and report either through

email, phone call or bring to next meeting.

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GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Patricia Adams made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Seniors Commission meeting of May 4, 2023. The motion was seconded by Marita Dannini and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandi Adler, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Seniors Commission meeting is Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 4:30pm at the Pfeiffer Community Center.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Seniors Commission meeting of May 4, 2023 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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