

**Minutes
Seniors Commission
Township of Monroe
November 2, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Seniors Commission was called to order by Chairperson, Corine Stark at 5:15pm in the 2nd floor meeting room in Town Hall. 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: Corine Stark, Judy Lumanog, Jim O'Toole, Mary O'Toole, Meryl Murtha, MaryAnn Nunes and Cncl. Carolann Fox

Absent: Marita Dinnini

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corine Stark asked for a motion to be made to approve the meeting minutes of October 5, 2023. The motion was made by Meryl Murtha and was seconded by Jim O'Toole and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- Meryl stated she is unable to attend Careme's and offered her spot to Judy for the Monday evening dinner.
- Mary O'Toole reported that there are 39 tickets sold to date including drivers for Monday, December 4, 2023 dinner. There are approximately 26 tickets sold for Tuesday, December 5, 2023. There are 2 buses scheduled for Dec 4th and around 25 people will utilize Monroe Twp. Transportation. The remaining participants are driving themselves.
- Corine explained the food selection to the members of the commission and stated that the group leader must notify the Chef with everyone's choice selection approximately 2 weeks prior to the event.
- Corine also explained that the Township drivers are not to receive gratuities but wait staff are entitled to receive tips.
- Jim O'Toole reported the cruise was going well. Originally 30 rooms were held but the cruise line pulled the rooms. Jim stated he was initially under the assumption we had a locked in rate. The cruise line reserves the right to change and does not guarantee pricing. Patty noted moving forward with situation like this to put an estimated base price on flyers noting prices are subject to change.

- Corine asked for an update on the Murder Mystery Refunds. Meryl reported all documents were given to Brandee Derieux. All necessary paperwork had been submitted to the finance department and refunds should start going out after council meeting and received approximately around the first week of December.
- Corine asked the members to look at the list of trips she created for ideas of upcoming trips to schedule for 2024. She asked that all members bring ideas to the table for our next meeting.
- Corine called Marny from Safety Tours and unfortunately, she was on vacation but she was able to speak with Emma. Emma stated that the casino trips are a mandatory 5 hours and not offering comps for food and only \$20.00 play vouchers.
- Judy suggested a bingo bus trip that she heard about and will look further into for information.
- Patty asked about doing restaurants without having to combine a casino and Corine explained the bus would be extremely expensive. She noted the bus tour companies get kickbacks from the casino's that is why they are able to give better deals for the combo trips. The commission has looked into other bus companies and Safety Tours has been the cheapest thus far.
- Corine stated the Brandee Derieux asked for \$1000.00 towards the Seniors Christmas Party at The Estate At Monroe and asked for a motion. Meryl Murtha made a motion to approve the disbursement of funds and Patty Adams seconded the motion.
- Corine reported that there is an event hosted in Buck's county at Peddler's Village on April 8th & 9th 2024 for group leader's appreciation if anyone is interested to go as a representative for MT Seniors Commission to check out vendors and see what they have to offer for the upcoming year.
- Corine asked the members if they wanted to order sweatshirts for the members. Meryl and Judy requested zip up sweatshirts. Judy Lumanog made a motion to approve purchase of sweatshirts and Patty Adams seconded the motion. All members in favor.
- Patty asked in regards to the Senior Christmas party was there a date set to make the baskets for the door prizes. No date has been set thus far.
- Corine advised that the Township is working on a social media avenue as well as a phone line.
- Some of the members had asked about the purchase of a colored printer and a location to store it. Corine stated she would look into this but explained it may have to be kept on township property such as the Pfeiffer Center.
- Corine took a minute to thank all of the commission members for coming such a long way since January and the time and effort that everyone has put into the 2023 events especially with most members being new this year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson, Corine Stark asked for a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Seniors Commission meeting of November 2, 2023. The motion was made by Meryl Murtha and seconded by MaryAnn Nunes 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, December 7, 2023 at 5:15pm.

These minutes were prepared from notes of the Seniors Commission meeting of April 6, 2023 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted Corie E. Stat Date Dec 7 2023
Approved as corrected _____ Date _____