

Minutes
Seniors Commission
Township of Monroe
December 7, 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, MaryAnn Nunes and Cncl. Carolann Fox

Absent: Meryl Murtha and Marita Dinnini

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corine Stark asked for a motion to be made to approve the meeting minutes of November 2, 2023. The motion was made by Patty Adams and was seconded by Mary O'Toole and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

- Senior Christmas Party – All available members will arrive around 11:30am to help with setup. Judy asked if each member was responsible for just one basket. Corine advised it was up to each member how much they wanted to contribute. Maryann had asked who sponsors the senior Christmas party and Corine explained that Community Affairs sponsors the function and that the Seniors Commission has partnered by donating \$1000.00, time and baskets.
- Corine asked Carolann if we are legally required to voice record each meeting. Carolann stated she would talk to Jim Dehart and let us know.
- Corine also asked Carolann for a status update in regards to the termination of Marita Dinnini. All paperwork has been submitted. Carolann asked Brandi Adler to follow up with the Clerk's office awaiting council's termination.
- Careme's Dinner update – Carolann stated she thought it was a fantastic event on Tuesday. Judy and Corine added Monday night the food was not good and spoke with the Chef about the

quality. All agreed the second night superseded the first night. Corine suggested to maybe get pictures of the meals for next time so that people aren't confused comparing to previous meals. Jim stated that unfortunately we cannot help the way the meals are cooked. MaryAnn stated that her friend who is a professional chef was impressed with the service. Judy also stated that service was very good this year. Corine explained there will be no take-out for someone who paid but was unable to attend. Corine noted that there were a few problems with the bill and she will speak with Brandee Derieux and look over the contract to see where the problem stems from.

Corine expressed that we have done Careme's before around Valentine's Day and asked the members if they would be interested in possibly doing another dinner in February. Jim made a motion to approve and Maryann seconded with all members in favor.

- Corine let the members know that she booked a casino trip for January 23rd to go to the Crab Trap and Resorts Casino. The date has not been confirmed and she is awaiting final approval from Safety Bus Tours. Jim asked if residents could drive down instead of taking the bus? Corine and Judy both explained that because this is a packaged deal through a company that it was best to utilize the bus. Mary made a motion to approve January trip to Crab Trap/Resorts and Patty seconded. All members are in favor.
- Jim gave an update on the cruise stating no new information at this time. Corine asked Jim about cancellation dates and Jim stated that the cruise line will handle all of that. Jim stated he is handling transportation only. Corine asked Jim to please reach out to Brandee in regards to scheduling the Township buses and make sure there will be ample space for luggage.
- New Trips – Jim looked into S.C.U.D.S (Senior Citizens United Community Services) trips and reported they offer overnight trips to Buck's County. The buses usually leave out of Audobon and Judy stated that people may not want to drive that far to board. Carolann suggested utilizing the township buses to take people to Audobon.
- Corine reiterated the upcoming trips for 2024 and asked for more suggestions for the rest of the year such as paddleboat ride, baseball game, Suicide Bridge crab fest. Mary asked Corine about Cirque De Soleil. Corine advised she spoke with Marny and Safety Tours will look into this and try to put a package together. Jim reported there was a play "Frozen" in April in Philadelphia that he thinks people would be interested in. Corine suggested to Jim to reach out and see if there are any discounted package deals for seniors and what accommodations they are willing to offer. Patty asked if anyone had information on Baltimore Inner Harbor and Corine asked Patty to look into a package deal. Carolann mentioned looking into local restaurants or the Grand Theater to create packages for our seniors and utilize township buses.
- Jim suggested that the members start a group chat to keep communication lines open either through text or email.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson, Corine Stark asked for a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Seniors Commission meeting of December 7, 2023. The motion was made by Patty Adams and seconded by Mary O’Toole 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, January 11, 2024 at 5:15pm.

These minutes were prepared from notes of the Seniors Commission meeting of December 7, 2023 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ **Date** _____

Approved as corrected _____ **Date** _____