

**Minutes of SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
Meeting of November 7, 2018
Kallsen Conference Center**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Tinley Park Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chairman Bob Hayes.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Commissioners:

Chairman: Bob Hayes

Andy Ashmus

Gordon Collins

Phyllis Groberski

Vicki Hayes

Grant Steeve

Mike Cutrano, Associate

Linda Sullivan, Senior Center Assistant

Rob Zimmer, Village Liaison

Bill Brady, Village Trustee

Absent: Rosemarie Bauer

Marcie Hecht

Secretary: Denise Maly-Politano

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Grant Steeve, seconded by Gordon Collins to approve the agenda. Bob Hayes declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copy of minutes not available. Will vote on minutes next month.

REPORTS:

Senior Center Administrative Report Linda Sullivan

A. Financial Report:

Linda Sullivan's submitted bills for the financial report, inventory and bills paid. National Pen order for Discovery Tinley has been paid (\$604.80).

Entertainer for the Oktoberfest also paid. All tickets have been sold for the November 27th trip.

Rob Zimmerman asked about the status of the new form.

Linda Sullivan has it but left it at the center. She will bring two months next meeting. We also have a new stamp. Approve it, stamp it, puts the numbers down, sign it, date it and then it goes to the village.

B. Membership: Currently there are 273 members.

C. Programs/Special Events/Trips:

Miracle on 34th Street on November 27th is sold out and tickets are paid for.

D. Volunteer Schedule for Luncheons

Schedule for volunteers was distributed for volunteers to sign up.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Oktoberfest

Linda Sullivan thanked all of the people that worked at Oktoberfest. Wants to thank Gordon Collins' wife for washing all of the aprons. She also thanked Mike and Andy for everything and all of their help. She can always count on them rain or shine. It was a good turn out this year.

Linda Sullivan stated TWC is a great organization but felt there were problems with their volunteer who was rude to the SSC volunteers and members attending the luncheon. Suggestion is to alternate Oktoberfest between TWC and Tinley Park Food Pantry. Thinks it is only fair to have someone there from our organization, you would choose who you want to work with you, be responsible, visible, you would split the money, etc. Andy Ashmus can take all the clothes, food, the money gets split up half and half, canned goods can get split up, however we want to split it.

Grant Steeve stated that the TWC volunteer did a nice job coordinating.

Andy Ashmus thinks it is a good idea to split up donations half and half with the money and the canned goods.

Grant Steeve stated that the Food Pantry and TWC always work together. If there is a surplus, it goes to the other organization. The organization has a representative there to oversee the donations.

Gordon Collins asked how it went with the distribution of money.

Linda Sullivan did not see the money and has no idea.

Rob Zimmer stated that going forward if we have donations for TWC they will be collecting it, we are simply hosting the location. We have no part in the process with the money.

Grant Steeve reiterated that basically the organization has a representative there who oversees the donations. It simplifies it.

Rob Zimmer agreed. It gets the village out of it because we are not collecting it, giving it, not collecting it or raising the money but would be nice to know how much was raised but we are not the ones raising or collecting it.

Linda Sullivan stated that it seemed low this year, didn't remember it ever being this low for donations.

Gordon Collins stated it might have something to do with the new tax laws.

Bob Hayes suggested we make a motion with the suggestion that we alternate Food Pantry and TWC for Oktoberfest donations for the next two years as a trial.

Vicki Hayes suggested everything would be split in half between the two organizations. Mike Cutrano agreed to split everything in half.

Gordon Collins stated it would be better to limit it to cash and food.

Motion made by Andy Ashmus, seconded by Grant Steeve to split all proceeds of money and canned goods that we alternate Food Pantry and TWC for Oktoberfest donations for the next two years as a trial. All in favor, Chairman Bob Hayes stated the motion has passed.

Rob Zimmer stated that if we are collecting food from the food pantry then we need a representative present from that organization.

Vicki Hayes thought the food was put away too early. She was ready to go back and get more carrots and a few other things and does not think anyone had a chance to go back and have seconds. I do not think we should put the food away because people are still eating and we should make seconds available.

Linda Sullivan stated that the volunteer from TWC put all of the food away and then took it with her. We usually give some leftovers to the 911 department.

Rob Zimmer asked as the staff liaison if the SSC would like him to reach out to TWC volunteer and speak with her about these issues.

Linda Sullivan suggested monitoring the tables more closely. It might be difficult to get volunteers next year after what happened with TWC. Linda stated she will not be inviting her next year.

Gordon Collins stated that everything was set up by the SSC volunteers.

Linda Sullivan stated that every two years the entertainment will alternate between Dennis and Eddie. This year it was Dennis and everyone loved him. He was asked to come back next year and we will alternate entertainers after that for each year.

Mike Cutrano suggested taking the center tables out after lunch so that if people want to dance they have room to do so.

Bill Brady apologized for not attending Oktoberfest due to conflicts.

SENIOR CENTER DAYS OF OPERATION

Bob Hayes wanted to review the days of operation now that the change has been in place for the last couple of months.

Linda Sullivan said she had more people attending but if we switch it will look crazy.

Andy Ashmus stated that if you are open Monday and Wednesday then the center is closed and you are not open until the following Monday. A lot of food is then being wasted because you can't keep it. The two funeral homes competition got smart with free lunches, coffee, etc. But now they consolidated and only have it on Tuesdays.

Gordon Collins stated that Linda is the one that sees what the usage is. Maybe we should poll the seniors that attend and find out what days are better.

Linda Sullivan suggested having the volunteers take home a plate because the food can't be left in the refrigerator that long.

Phyllis Groberski stated that lots of others have lunches now. The park district, the library, plus trips are other options we have to be aware of. Suggested going back to Tuesday and Thursday.

Andy Ashmus suggested Monday and Thursday.

Gordon Collins suggested it might bolster attendance if they know leftover food will be available on Thursdays.

Phyllis Groberski stated that if there is left over food and no one comes back the next day after the luncheon you have the paramedics and fire department next door.

Linda Sullivan stated there will be a volunteer luncheon. We will have to pick the dates early enough and it would be when the center is closed over the holidays in December.

Bob Hayes stated it was suggested that days of operation change from Monday and Wednesday to Monday and Thursday.

Linda Sullivan suggested putting changing it on hold and letting her call some of the members to see what days would be best. She will report back next meeting.

Bob Hayes agreed and then the days can change effective January.

Linda Sullivan invited SSC members attend the volunteer luncheon. It will be on a Wednesday, either the first or the second Wednesday. We can have the luncheon on the 12th and then be closed for the holidays.

Bob Hayes thought that would make the center closed for too many weeks.

Gordon Collins stated that the volunteer luncheon would be the 12th which is a regular day the center is open so that would create a conflict.

Linda Sullivan stated the volunteer luncheon will be the 13th and we order pizza from Aurelio's. The regular luncheon will remain on the 12th for the center. Suggested the center would close December 12th and return January 7th.

Vicki Hayes made a motion, seconded by Gordon Collins for the closing date of December 12th and reopening January 7th. Chairman Bob Hayes declared the motion carried.

Bob Hayes stated that those days leave the seniors without the center during the time when seniors are most lonely. Linda Sullivan stated there are other alternatives for the seniors.

Grant Steeve suggested putting a sign on the door inviting them.

Rob Zimmer suggested filling out the reimbursement form when purchasing or using the village credit card as an alternative.

RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bob and Vicki Hayes went to visit Rosemarie Bauer who fell and broke a femur. She was at rehab but is now at home and hopes to be back in December for the meeting. All cards can be sent to her home.

Rob Zimmer stated the holiday party will be at the Odyssey or Side Street Tavern. Dates/location should be finalized this week.

Phyllis Groberski stated the water towers look nice. Very attractive.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Phyllis Groberski, seconded by Gordon Collins to adjourn the regular meeting of the Senior Services Commission at 3:55 p.m.

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