

**Minutes of SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**Meeting of June 5, 2019**  
**Kallsen Conference Center**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Tinley Park Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Chairman Mike Cutrano.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Commissioners: Chairman: Mike Cutrano  
Andy Ashmus  
Rosemarie Bauer  
Phyllis Groberski  
Bob Hayes  
Vicki Hayes  
Marcie Hecht  
Grant Steeve  
Linda Sullivan, Senior Center Assistant  
Bill Brady, Village Trustee  
Dominic Sanfilippo, Village Liaison  
Guest: Gloria  
Secretary: Denise Maly-Politano

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Bob Hayes, seconded by Phyllis Groberski, to approve the agenda. Mike Cutrano declared the motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Phyllis Groberski asked for clarification on the trip cost listed.

Rosemarie Bauer checked with Zettlmeier's but they are unable to do a discount.

A motion was made by Marcie Hecht, seconded by Bob Hayes, to approve the Minutes of the May 1, 2019 meeting of the Senior Services Commission as submitted. Motion was approved via voice vote. Mike Cutrano declared the motion carried.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Senior Center Administrative Report - Linda Sullivan**

#### **A. Financial Report:**

Linda Sullivan's submitted bills for the financial report, inventory and bills paid.

Linda Sullivan asked for input on what to do with drop-ins at the Center.

Bob Hayes stated that if the visitors do not live in Tinley Park, then they should pay.

#### **B. Membership:**

Currently there are 258 members. Chairman Mike Cutrano wants an updated alphabetized list of all current members. This list needs to be updated frequently and include emergency contacts and phone numbers as soon as possible. He also stated that the calendar mailed out with the newsletter is still blank. Wants to have the calendar filled in, when luncheons are, when trips are, when blood pressure is. The information needs to be added to the calendar so that members can find important dates in one place.

Bob Hayes stated you need to have a special type of program to fill in the calendar. Suggested having someone print the information and then make copies. Rosemarie Bauer and Linda Sullivan agreed they would rather have the information within the box.

#### **C. Programs/Special Events/Trips:**

Linda Sullivan asked what is expected for payment to the bus and driver for the day for trips. For example, Munster, Indiana and Drury Lane trips. Four Winds is August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Mike Cutrano asked about the bus company discount.

Linda Sullivan stated that the discount was for \$70.00. Also contacted the Tinley Park bus company. First she wants to see what the bus looks like because she does not want a school bus for the trips. Needs to be a coach bus. No one answered the phone.

Chair Mike Cutrano stated we need to know what the cost of the driver is plus the cost of the bus for the day and mileage. Also thinks there should be more trips offered this year.

[Trip ideas – Morton Arboretum, Brookfield Zoo, Lincoln Park Zoo, White Sox game, Starved Rock, other trips?]

Dominic Sanfilippo will look into the bus company rates.

Marcie Hecht suggested asking why more people are not coming on trips. Are they going for a free lunch somewhere? Need to find out why. If it's the money we need to cut it back.

Andy Ashmus stated that Oak Forest has a lunch once a month. Get there about 10 am, have lunch, entertainment, play Bingo, all for \$5.00. The meals are not as extravagant as ours and you need to get your tickets the month before.

Linda Sullivan stated the Senior Center made a donation to the Shriners at the request of those playing pinnacle games at the Senior Center and paying their money of \$1.00. One suggested donating the money to Shriners Hospital.

Chairman Mike Cutrano stated that we have organizations in Tinley. Rosemarie Bauer agreed and stated that it's the village's money.

Bob Hayes stated that it is village money and the donations need to remain in Tinley. Rosemarie Bauer agreed.

Dominic Sanfilippo stated we cannot show favoritism. Rotate among all the nonprofits so as to not favor one.

Linda Sullivan stated she received thank you notes but no receipts.

Marcie Hecht said Linda Sullivan needs to tell the ladies at the center that the commission decided the money will stay in Tinley.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Mike Cutrano suggested lowering the price of the monthly lunches from \$7.00 to \$5.00 with 50 people. Lunches can be \$500-600.

Marcie Hecht hopes to see the lunch stay at \$5.00 and get more people to attend at the lower price.

Bob Hayes stated he is all for subsidized lunches but his concern is why more do not take advantage of it? Is it the money?

Chairman Mike Cutrano stated that entertainment is needed at all luncheons. We can spend \$200-\$300 a day for entertainment or have a guest speaker on some topic.

Chairman Mike Cutrano asked if all commissioners were in favor of reducing the luncheon price to \$5.00. [Roll call vote was taken, all in agreement.]

Phyllis Groberski suggested selling tickets at the current luncheon for the following month's lunch. People like it and they ask to buy tickets.

Rosemarie Bauer suggested a light (box) lunch from Subway during the hot summer months but the members do not want a box lunch and we might get even fewer people.

Chairman Mike Cutrano stated that there can be 2 or 3 free when looking at the overall budget. They have to sign up.

Trustee Brady suggested a three inch sandwich rather than the six and not have a heavy meal.

Bob Hayes made a motion to purchase \$10.00 gift cards for Bingo game winners, seconded by Vicki Hayes. [Roll call vote was taken, all in agreement.]

Rosemarie Bauer suggested including the information of the gift cards in the newsletter.

Chairman Mike Cutrano stated it would draw more people in if the price for a trip is lowered to \$52.00. This price would be for Tinley residents only but there are always exceptions to the rules.

Rosemarie Bauer suggested telling the seniors if you want to take a trip you need to join and we can then increase membership.

Linda Sullivan asked for suggestions on the Oktoberfest location as Zion has again increased their price. [Discussion on other location ideas.]

Grant Steeve asked about supplies. Linda Sullivan stated she gave a list to Scott at PW for purchasing. Marcie Hecht stated the center needs larger gloves. Chairman Mike Cutrano stated that as long as Scott gets the list two weeks in advance he should be able to purchase everything on our list.

Linda Sullivan reported that Geri will now be in on Thursdays for blood pressure screenings.

#### **D. Volunteer Schedule for Luncheons**

Schedule for volunteers will be distributed for volunteers to sign up in 2019.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business.

#### **RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No public/no comments.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Chairman Mike Cutrano opened the suggestion box and read the suggestions. One suggestion was to be allowed to take a lunch home when you can't attend. He stated there are no carry outs but there can be exceptions person by person and situation by situation.

Another suggestion was allowing Bingo players to have more than one card. [After discussion/vote it was determined to stay with only one card.]

Marcie Hecht would like to table it to see what the players say about the larger gift card. Linda Sullivan stated it was not fair to play on two cards.

Chairman Mike Cutrano stated it will remain at one card but the gift card will now be increased to \$10.00

Chairman Mike Cutrano passed around a name tag for everyone to look at. All commissioners will have a name tag with the new logo for the Senior Services Commission.

Trustee Brady suggested creating a comment card with boxes that can be checked off such as food and drink ideas, other ideas, what other questions you would want answered, something that can be easily marked.

Chairman Mike Cutrano stated there will be no July meeting of the Senior Services Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Phyllis Groberski, seconded by Grant Steeve, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Senior Services Commission at 4:40 p.m.

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