

**Minutes of SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION  
Meeting of October 2, 2019  
Kallsen Conference Center**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Tinley Park Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Mike Cutrano.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present:

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Bob Hayes, seconded by Rosemarie Bauer, to approve the Minutes of the September 4, 2019 meeting of the Senior Services Commission as presented. Motion approved via voice vote. Mike Cutrano declared the motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Senior Center Administrative Report – Linda Sullivan**

**A. Financial Report:**

Linda Sullivan's distributed the charter bus receipt for the next trip.

Mike Cutrano referred back to the September minutes stating that he wants a month-to-month expense sheet.

**B. Membership:**

Currently there are 275 members with the addition of 7 new members. They will now get an Oktoberfest invitation.

[All present have not received an invite.]

Linda Sullivan will get the invites out tomorrow.

Rosemarie Bauer stated that the invite asks for people to respond by September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Mike Cutrano asked Linda Sullivan if we have a membership list. We have asked for a membership list since April and it has not been provided.

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

Linda Sullivan stated they went on the trip and it was a great show.

Chairman Mike Cutrano again asked for the volunteer list.

**Oktoberfest**

Linda Sullivan stated that the entertainer will be out for Oktoberfest. She needs the bill so that we can pay him. Believes we have enough volunteers. Ordering from Polonia and it is all set. Mike Cutrano changed the number for the food order and decreased the number to 130 primarily because the invitations are not out and we don't know how many people will be attending.

Trustee Brady stated that a figure of 160 was given to the church and asked where that figure came from.

Chairman Mike Cutrano stated that was based on based years. We don't have a list, we don't have the invitation out yet, we have 5 days, don't know how many people will be there so the number was dropped down.

Rosemarie Bauer stated that we agreed at the last meeting that the menu would be exactly the same as last year. Chicken and salad was added but then we removed it.

Bob Hayes asked if there is any desire to make the members of this commission happy. Month after month we keep asking for things and we don't get it. We keep asking for a newsletter and we don't get it.

Rosemarie Bauer stated that with the addition of two more trays we have set volunteers for the number of trays we have. Adding two more trays could make a kind of fiasco.

Chairman Mike Cutrano thinks set up can be after 4:00 on Tuesday but he will confirm.

Phyllis Groberski confirmed meeting the day of by 10:30. She also asked if Andy Ashmus will be bringing Together We Cope volunteers.

Rosemarie Bauer asked if Culver's will be providing custard. Linda Sullivan confirmed they will be donating custard and she wants to purchase gift cards from Culver's for giveaways. She will need to pick up cards in the morning. Marcie Hecht said she can help and Linda should give her a call.

Trustee Brady stated that Laura from St. Stephen's will return his call regarding setting up the day before. Laura will have to get approval because of religious Ed. He also stated that we need to provide a copy of the certificate of insurance.

Marcie Hecht asked if we are setting up everything on Tuesday or just tables and chairs. Trustee Brady suggested putting tablecloths on the tables since you are setting those up on Tuesday and it won't take much more time to put tablecloths on the tables. Chairman Mike Cutrano agreed as there will not be much time for decorating on Wednesday.

Rosemarie Bauer stated that Grant Steeve called her about not using table cloths as we are ruining the environment, this will cut down on the amount of work and other groups he is affiliated with do not use tablecloths. She thinks this will cut down on clean-up if we use tablecloths.

Motion made by Marcie Hecht to use the tablecloths that were ordered, motion seconded by Vicky Hayes.

Chairman Mike Cutrano and Andy Ashmus will bring everything over on Tuesday.

[Further discussion on Oktoberfest details followed. RSVP by Sept. 24th]

**D. Volunteer Schedule for Luncheons**

Schedule for volunteers needed for sign up.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Movies/Snacks**

Marcie Hecht thought movies were on the newsletter/calendar for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. She has been talking to a lot of the members and they said that the reason why they don't come to Bingo is because they already go someplace else and have other things to do on Mondays. Stated that it would be better to go back to the Tuesday schedule.

Chairman Mike Cutrano thinks that would be very confusing with all of this back and forth.

Marcie Hecht made a motion to change the days back to Tuesday, Thursday for the center to be open and Wednesday for movie days, luncheons, and meetings. Motion seconded by Rosemarie Bauer.

Chairman Mike Cutrano asked for a roll call vote. All present agreed. Chairman Mike Cutrano stated motion carried.

Rosemarie Bauer suggested starting the new schedule after the first of the year.

Marcie Hecht asked if Bunco will be held on Tuesday. We have all of the equipment now.

Motion made by Marcie Hecht, seconded by Phyllis Groberski to table Bunco until November. This way we can see in the meantime if we can get someone to run the Bunco. Chairman Mike Cutrano stated motion carried.

Chairman Mike Cutrano stated Marcie Hecht brought in and donated the snacks but a list needs to be given to Connor so that he can bring snacks in.

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

Bob Hayes stated that he is getting very frustrated. We come here month after month, we ask for the same things and things are ignored or we get bogus papers that have nothing to do with what we are asking for. Don't understand this. Seems passive aggressive to me. The purpose of the board is to do what is best for the center and to make the center thrive again and I don't believe it is right now. Yet we can't get any cooperation from the director of the senior center. I have heard you don't get any help. It works both ways. You want help, cooperate.

Marcie Hecht stated talking to the ladies and they are complaining about us and don't know if they will be coming again. It is not working out.

Vicki Hayes has been stewing about this for days since we have not received a calendar or newsletter. Teaching for 35 years she has had to meet deadlines as anyone does in a job. If she did not meet the deadlines she would have been out of there. There is no excuse for the newsletter to be out on time. We have asked for it to be out the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week and it should be done. No excuses for it not to be out. Have asked for this many times and there are absolutely no excuses.

Rosemarie Bauer doesn't understand when we as a commission agree to something and then things get changed. Why are we here? I thought the commission is run by the commissioners and so many things have been changed. We don't need these meetings.

Phyllis Groberski expressed her frustration.

Chairman Mike Cutrano brought up the September lunch. Found out there are three Subway's in town. We ordered from the one that does not have a W-9 on file and has a bad reputation in the village. Asked when the order was made.

Linda Sullivan stated it was ordered probably five days before and picked up the day before the luncheon. She paid herself as he did not have a W-9.

Chairman Mike Cutrano stated that we have been told that any restaurant we use we need to ask if they have a W-9 or ask the village. He also asked what is

done with the returned mail. Linda Sullivan stated that she keeps the envelope.

Trustee Brady stated that the names should be taken off of the master list.

Marcie Hecht asked if there is a master list of all the people who belong to the senior center. Linda Sullivan stated that she has one. Marcie Hecht asked why it has not been printed out for everyone then.

[Discussions continued on where is the membership list? Have been asking for it for years.] Bob Hayes referred back to this in the September minutes.

Chairman Mike Cutrano asked how the bus driver got a lunch on the last trip. Linda Sullivan stated that she bought him a lunch. Chairman Mike Cutrano stated that he is paid enough and we are not going to feed him too.

Chairman Mike Cutrano asked how the employee meets her job description and job expectations.

Guest Joan stated that she gets a lot of phone calls asking for the newsletter. She tells them to call the center. Members are wondering how/where the members go to Zion because they don't know to go to St. Stephen's for the lunch.

Trustee Brady stated that he was lucky to get back to work with this commission. He has to be careful and make sure that he is not taking time from the township to be at this meeting. Had to not take a lunch today and had to take an hour of flex time. Next Wednesday he probably will not be able to make the Oktoberfest luncheon because of this. If he can't be at a meeting or a lunch it is for a good reason.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Vicki Hayes assumes that we will all get the newsletter by the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week with the calendar in it and maybe even the membership list since we all stated how important this was and since we have all expressed our concerns.

Mike Cutrano stated the suggestion box was empty.

Marcie Hecht stated she has been trying to press that with the ladies. Confirmed the Oktoberfest invitations and wondered if St. Stephen's was on it with the address, wheelchair accessible, and in bold letters "please respond" and with the Tinley Park Food Pantry, Tinley Wish and Together We Cope as we had all discussed last month.

Chairman Mike Cutrano stated that the invites had to be reprinted due to an error and hopes that we are not going to be charged for reprinting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Phyllis Groberski, seconded by Rosemarie Bauer, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Senior Services Commission at 4:00 p.m.

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