

Minutes of Senior Services Commission
Meeting of November 3, 2021
Kallsen Conference Center

CALL To ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Commissioners: Bob Hayes
Andy Ashmus
Rosemarie Bauer
Celeste Figliulo
Theresa Flowers
Phyllis Groberski
Vicki Hayes
Frank Williams
Trustee Brady
Marisa Harrison, Senior Center Asst.

Absent:

Sam Avalos
Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Marisa Harrison to add to the agenda under new business that Public Works is working on getting a new TV for the Senior Center. Chair Bob Hayes declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Bob Hayes declared the September 30, 2021 (senior meeting taking the place of the October meeting) minutes approved as submitted.

REPORTS:

Senior Center Administrative Reports

A. Financial Report:

Senior Center Assistant, Marisa Harrison reported money was spent for Oktoberfest and a new DVD player for the Senior Center along with snacks. Food ordered for Thanksgiving luncheon and Thanksgiving decorations. PW working on getting a new TV. Black Friday is coming up so there should be good prices.

Motion made by Frank Williams to purchase a new TV, seconded by Vicki Hayes. Motion carried.

B. Membership:

Newsletter was mailed out.

Membership – a few new people, updated emergency contacts, people are pretty on board now that we announced we are staying open. Questions about new location. New mayor and village manager want us to stay open but the Senior Center space will be used to expand the 911 Center. Seniors will move but we do not know where yet. Still at village building.

Trustee Brady suggested having it at the Kallsen Center.

Andy Ashmus stated we need to get the word out about the Senior Center at the village hall as many seniors do not know about it.

Celeste Figliulo asked about the differences with the senior center in comparison to the park district.

Marisa Harrison explained some Tinley residents who live around 191st (Frankfort Square) are not able to attend the Tinley Park Park District senior group and activities unless they pay an out-of-resident rate. Our Senior Center covers all seniors living in Tinley.

Frank Williams asked about the need to be a Tinley resident to attend at the Senior Center.

Marisa said you do not need to be a Tinley resident but only a Tinley resident can attend the free lunches.

C. Senior Trip:

Marisa Harrison reported Kinky Boots trip was amazing and everyone had a great time. Lunch was great. Bus went 2 hours over which could not be helped and everyone chipped in for a cash tip for the driver. Venue was great. Everyone was spread out.

Oktoberfest

Chairman Bob Hayes asked for a recap and what went well?

Marisa Harrison stated the food was good, breaded pork chops were great, great volunteers.

Andy Ashmus stated more help is needed. He was the only one who took everything over there from the Senior Center to St. Stephen's. Need help unloading.

Rosemarie Bauer stated we also need more people to stay afterwards to help cleanup. So much to do and we were there after 3:00 p.m.

Vicki Hayes stated no more washing trays.

Marisa Harrison stated she ordered placemats but they are a little bit small. Possibly lining the tray with foil.

Trustee Brady suggested getting a donation from McDonalds or others for tray liners.

Andy Ashmus suggested contacting Culver's again for dessert.

Chairman Bob Hayes stated we did not contact Culver's this year because we had other ideas for dessert but it did not work out.

Marisa Harrison said the cater canceled on us very last minute but Winston's really came through. Also said there were complaints about not having enough desserts.

Andy Ashmus thought there were plenty of desserts.

Trustee Brady stated we first thought it would be 2 desserts per person but no one monitored that and some people took more.

Marisa Harrison stated there is always a problem with people taking more. Has the same problem at the Senior Center.

Rosemarie Bauer suggested going back to the individual cups from Culver's. Marisa Harrison stated she ordered 2 trays for the Thanksgiving luncheon with more brownies than cookies.

Trustee Brady asked for feedback on the entertainment.

Andy Ashmus stated the entertainer was really good but he did look like a hippy.

Marisa Harrison stated some seniors complained that the entertainer looked like a bum. Not an actual issue with the entertainment but rather the entertainer's presentation.

Chairman Bob Hayes stated we received a letter from TWC for the Oktoberfest donations: received \$178.00 and 5 bins of food for TWC.
[Thank you letter read]

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Introduction of new commissioners

New commissioners were introduced and a new contact list was distributed by Chairman Bob Hayes. Not sure who the village liaison is now.

Marisa Harrison thinks the new liaison might be Lisa Kortum. She will confirm.

2. Senior Center status

See above regarding new location.

Chairman Bob Hayes stated the November 10th luncheon is for Thanksgiving supplied by Winston's.

December luncheon pizza from Ed & Joe's and a salad. Suggested contacting Culver's to see if they would be willing to provide dessert.

Rosemarie Bauer stated that we are so limited with the luncheons and has heard complaints.

Marisa Harrison stated we need to show we have interest during the week and not just people coming for free food. Lunches fill up quickly. Have 48 for next week and will need to tell some they cannot attend. Our center is funded by tax dollars where the Park District is funded by a membership fee.

Andy Ashmus stated the park district is limiting their numbers too. Why our center is so nice is because of the large parking lot close to the building.

Chairman Bob Hayes stated that the Senior Center has become our main focus but if there are other things we can do to help serve seniors in the village of Tinley Park we need to include that. Also need to find more ways to advertise ourselves.

Marisa Harrison stated the Senior Center has been advertised on the village website. Need to work on ways to get more members by offering an incentive.

3. Holiday closing dates

The Senior Center will close December 17th through January 3rd, reopen January 4th.

4. January meeting and luncheon

All presented decided to meet in December and then regroup and decide on future meetings.

Vicki Hayes suggested deciding on the January meeting when we meet in December.

Frank Williams asked who the newsletter is sent to?

Chairman Bob Hayes suggested including the mayor and trustees on the mailing list for the newsletter as we have in the past.

Next meeting December 1st.

5. Four Winds trip

Marisa Harrison stated she switched from Four Winds to Hardrock and the seniors were not on board with that. Didn't care about the travel time as it is only a little over an hour for travel. Seniors stated Hardrock is too expensive. Hardrock didn't really offer any incentives. Will talk again to Four Winds. Date is December 9th for the trip.

Chairman Bob Hayes asked if there is a minimum? Thinks there should be a minimum because we are spending a lot on the bus.

Marisa Harrison needs to reserve the bus two weeks before. Thinks 20 is a good number if she is the only chaperone but if another commissioner goes we might be able to increase the number.

6. Tinley Toyland Parade

Chairman Bob Hayes invited all to attend the Toyland Parade on December 4th. Participants are asked to bring an unwrapped gift for Tinley Wish. Wondered if there was any interest?

Theresa Flowers is not interested in walking in the parade but we can help in other ways such as helping with gift wrapping.

Andy Ashmus thought TWC was getting the toys. In past year it has been the food and toy collection for TWC. The food goes to the Tinley Park Food Pantry and the toys go to TWC.

7. Commission shirts

Chairman Bob Hayes stated it has been many years since we ordered shirts and now there is a new logo and new commissioners. He will check with Evon's for options.

Good of the Order

N/A

Receive Comments from the Public

N/A, no public.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Frank Williams, Andy Ashmus seconded the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm.

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