

Minutes of the Senior Services Commission Meeting
March 7, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.
Village Hall Kallsen Conference Center

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

Present: Co-Chairman Robert Hayes, Co-Chairman Vicki Hayes, Commissioners Andy Ashmus, Phyllis Groberski, Marcie Hecht, Joe Staackmann, and Marge Weiner, Associate Member Mike Cutrano.

Absent: Commissioners: June Tunelius, Char Van Treeck, Associate Member Bob Van Treeck.

Guests: Patricia Leoni – Liaison Trustee, Linda Sullivan, Senior Center Assistant and Steve Tilton.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion was made by Marge Weiner, seconded by Phyllis Groberski to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2012 meeting as corrected.

Committee Reports

Bremen Township

Andy went to Bremen again. Nothing new. The lady running it is still incapacitated.

Orland Township

Trustee Leoni said that Orland has a lot going on for the seniors and puts out a newspaper to inform everyone.

Frankfort Township

Linda Sullivan talked to Jody who told her everything needed is online. Linda made copies and gave out information at the Center. In April the Secretary of State will be talking about senior scams. Need to present information at Center.

Marcia Hecht thought it would be good to provide information to shut-ins.

Rich Township

Phyllis Groberski talked with Rich Township. They have lots of great information on their website and information on senior crimes. Also gets a newsletter. Rich does a lot of crimes involving seniors and we have that in Tinley and with S.A.L.T. Very nice people there. If you need something you only need to call.

Senior Community Center

Finance Report

Linda Sullivan, Senior Center Assistant, presented the finance report. Have \$2,179.00 left to work with for the next six weeks. Out of \$7,181.00 available funds, need to subtract part-time pensionable help, part-time non-pensionable help, FICA and IMRF to get this amount. Well within our range and we will probably break even. Trips all paid for.

Membership

Linda Sullivan reported we now have 284 members. Expects to increase that number to 290. Linda thanks Joe Staackmann for straightening out postage duplicates. Membership list has been updated.

Programming & Special Events

Marge Weiner confirmed *Gypsy* is in two weeks with 47 on the bus. *Singing in the Rain* is scheduled for December 6th.

Trustee Leoni stated a judge is coming from the Circuit Court to speak to the seniors about identity theft at the luncheon.

Virginia is doing a good job with movies. Marge Weiner gave her a listing of movies she found in the newspaper for her to look into new movies on DVD for the Center.

Marge Weiner said the Center could always use more volunteers but Julie is doing a great job. Some of the seniors only come in to play cards.

The annual Mayor's picnic is Thursday, July 5th at Zion Lutheran Church.

Publicity & Newsletter Committee

Trustee Leoni reported there is an article for the Exchange that went to Jan Boling along with pictures. There will be an article in the next Exchange on the Senior Center. Also gave Linda Sullivan newspaper contacts to contact for events and publicity. Marge Weiner said the newsletter always goes out the third week and they will start working on it after the lunch next week.

Linda Sullivan requested the Village put a blurb in on the Senior Center for registration for April. Need to reregister for 2012.

Bulletin Board/Brochures Committee

The Bulletin Board and Brochures are constantly updated and current. Anything recent gets copied and put out at the Center.

Computer Classes & Maintenance Issues

Linda said there will be no future computer classes or scheduled dates. Many other organizations are having classes. Computers are at the Center and available during Center hours.

Unfinished Business

April membership registration will be completed by April 30th.

Marge Weiner reported it is free admission to Mayor's annual picnic provided you have an invite. You have to be a member in order to get an invite. Normally have a food drive for Together We Cope twice a year – once at Thanksgiving and once at the picnic. With the economy the way it is, she thinks the invite needs to be worded as a donation of nonperishable foods and monetary donations are also welcome.

Andy Ashmus stated that 3-4 volunteers from Together We Cope will be helping at the picnic.

New Business

The meeting time will now be changed to 3:30 p.m.

Steve Tilton from the Village talked about Com Ed and the upcoming referendum on the March 20th ballot. He stated that the Village is trying to pass a referendum to obtain a better deal on electricity by aggregation of the electricity or buying in bulk. Another company would provide a benefit and charge less for electricity per kilowatt. The electricity supply service would provide payment to a company to produce power at a lower rate. The delivery services would not change and would stay Com Ed. There are a lot more options to choose from for making the power and the Village will try to get the best rates for all residents. If the referendum passes then all residents are automatically in on the new rates and company. If the resident does NOT want to be with that company they have to opt out of using that company by notifying that company.

Motion was made by Joe Staackmann and seconded by Marcie Hecht to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.