

Montgomery Township
Senior Committee Meeting Minutes
March 16th, 2022

Location: Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Building, Senior Lounge
Present: Board Liaison, Audrey Ware, Charles Vesay, Joy Zwicker, Claire Bruno,
Joyce Malagari, David Reick Jr., and Don Riley

Reorganization Meeting for 2022

1. Call to order 12:05 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Audrey Ware was appointed Temporary Chair
4. Chuck Vesay was nominated for 2022 Chair He was nominated by Clair Bruno and seconded by Don Riley.
5. Chuck Vesay was elected Chair of the Montgomery Township Senior Committee for 2022
6. Chuck Vesay nominated f Bud Reick to serve as Vice Chairman of the Senior Committee. The motion was seconded by Don Riley. There was no opposition.
7. Bud Reick was elected Vice Chairman of the Montgomery Township Senior Committee for 2022
8. The Reorganization meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm

Regular Meeting March 16, 2022

1. Chair Chuck Vesay called the regular March meeting to Order 12:15 p.m.
2. **Public Comment**
Chuck Vesay reflected on the passing of Richard Roller, former president/active community volunteer and offered a moment of silence
3. **Approval of the Minutes** (July 21, 2021, last official meeting) A motion to approve was made by Clair Bruno and seconded by Joy Zwicker. The vote was unanimous.
4. **New Business**
 - A. Committee members signed an acknowledgment of receipt of the new Committee Bylaws that were recently approved by the Board of Supervisors.
 - B. The Newly Proposed Mission Statement was presented and approved unanimously by the Committee. A copy of the document is attached.

5. Discussion Items

A) It is agreed that trying to reach our senior population is very difficult. “Getting the Word Out” will be a daunting task. Some of the obstacles and communication methods discussed:

- 1) Many are not electronically connected and some do not have up to date telephone capabilities.
- 2) The informational pamphlets which were available in the past are no longer in print. They are now available on line which makes them unavailable to a significant percentage of the population we are trying to reach.
- 3) Posting activities in grocery store Community Activity Boards.
- 4) Utilizing the bulletin boards in the public areas of Neshaminy Falls (approval will be required).
- 5) Mailing to Senior residents
- 6) A Survey.
- 7) Distribution of information at the Community Center’s various classes.

B) Senior Committee Letterhead - Joy Zwicker volunteered to create a letterhead Design for the Montgomery Township Senior Committee.

C) The final discussion item entailed the immediate focus of the Senior Committee. The consensus was to improve communication to assist senior’s awareness of the activities and services that are available for seniors in Montgomery Township. In addition, the need to discover what activities are of *interest to seniors* is very important.

D) Supervisor Audrey Ware discussed an online seminar regarding Pennsylvania Sunshine Laws. A Zoom meeting for all Volunteer Committees will be conducted April **4th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** Further detail will be emailed to the committee members.

E) Supervisor Ware, on behalf of Montgomery Township, invited all Committee members to attend a Volunteer Appreciation Social on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at Pinecrest Country Club from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.

6. There being no further business the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn at 1:22pm.

Submitted by: Barbara Anne Vesay

Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 20th, 2022 at Noon**

Proposed New Purpose of the Montgomery Township Senior Committee

The purpose of the Senior Volunteer Committee is to address the needs of the senior population in Montgomery Township.

The committee's goals include, but are not limited to, providing seniors with information on resources that help facilitate a sense of security, independence, self-sufficiency, health, and wellness. The committee will serve as Ambassadors to Service within the community by way of activity involvement and promote healthy well-being for all.

The committee shall also perform such other duties and responsibilities as the Supervisors shall direct

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