

Montgomery Township Senior Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 9, 2015

Location: Montgomery Township Building, Community Room B

Present: Peg Azarian, Chair, Karen Grant, Helen Haag, Marian Pinkerton, Richard Roller, Jackie Volk, and Ginny Bailey.

Chairman Peg Azarian called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

The minutes of the June 10, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected.

Rich asked that everyone correct his email address on the Committee Contact Information sheet Marian distributed. It should be richjroller@aol.com.

Chairman Peg and the Committee welcomed its newest member, Karen Grant to her first meeting.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Unfinished Business:

Community Center Update

Since Ralph was unable to attend, Ginny summarized his report which had been emailed to the Committee. While there is still not a set date for the Community Center to open, there is over 100 paid membership units at present and there are a number of issues to be addressed – the main one being the repair to the gymnasium floor.

Report from the Recreation Office

Ginny reported that many of the programs have had to be cancelled or delayed due to the Center not being open to the public. The Coloring Club met for the second time today with 5 in attendance. This opened discussion about the \$3 fee that would be charged once the Recreation Center opened. Several Committee members expressed dismay at this charge and thought the Coloring Club was going to be a free event for seniors. They don't think seniors are going to purchase a membership just to get together and color – especially since there was no instructor and they are providing their own coloring books and pencils. It was the understanding of many Committee members that the Coloring Club would be an activity where seniors could get together, color, and share their artwork in a stress-free environment and charging a fee defeats that purpose.

New Business:

Autumn Festival Coverage

The Committee members present will be able to help out at the table on October 3rd, except for Rich who will be out of town. Helen gave Ginny several documents that would need to be duplicated for the table as handouts – Veterans Resources, A look at Montgomery County Office of Aging and Adult Services, Be Red Cross Ready, etc.

Change of Meeting Date

Recreation Director, Brian Forman, would like Athletic & Recreation Coordinator, Matt Reimel to attend future Senior Volunteer Committee meetings but since the Committee meets the same night as the Autumn Festival Committee and Park Board, Brian requested the Senior Committee change their meeting night. After much discussion, it was determined that Wednesday was the best night for most members so it was agreed the Committee would change their meeting date to the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Fall Medicare Seminar

Since the Senior Committee usually hosts a Medicare Seminar in the fall, the possibility of having one this year was discussed. It was decided that the event would be held Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00 pm if either the Community Rooms or Township Meeting Room was open. There was also discussion of having someone other than Bob Sykes be the presenter for the event so Helen agreed to call either RSVP or APPRISE to request a speaker when we had a date.

Note: After checking the calendar, it was determined that there were no rooms available for October 21st so Ginny sent an email with alternative dates.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting – Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by
Ginny Bailey