

Montgomery Township Senior Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 6, 2017

Location: Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Building, Senior Lounge

Present: Peg Azarian, Jeff McDonnell, John Nolan, Marian Pinkerton, Matt Reimel, Richard Roller, Ralph Schurr, Jackie Volk, and Ginny Bailey

Also present: Frances Liao and Charles Vesay

Regular Meeting

Chair Jackie Volk called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the June 7, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

Public Comment

Frances Liao wanted to know what activities were available to seniors in the Township. She also wanted to know why the Township didn't add a library to the Center. Matt reviewed the activities for seniors such as the exercise classes, Senior Drop In and the Coloring Club. With Lansdale, Horsham and North Wales libraries being so close, there didn't seem to be the need for a library but that the Bookmobile stops at the Center each week. Matt said the Fall Newsletter is being sent to the residents and will have programs for families and individuals of all ages.

Charles Vesay recently moved back into the area and was looking for volunteer opportunities. He and his wife had been very active in their local senior center and wanted to do something similar here in the Township. He thanked the volunteers of the Senior Committee and thought the Bookmobile at the Center was very convenient.

Unfinished Business:

Summer Concert Series - Recap

The members thought the concerts were well attended and there was a good variety of bands this year. Marian said she didn't like the location of their table because she couldn't see the bands. Matt explained the table was put in a place out of the sun but the table can be placed wherever the Committee would like it. Marian also mentioned it would be nice to have food available at the concerts but Matt said the Center cannot serve food as a facility because we don't have a license. Food or ice cream trucks were suggested and Matt said he would discuss it with Floyd.

Report from the Recreation Office

Matt reported that the Fall Newsletters were in the process of being mailed and contains programs and events for residents of all ages. He mentioned in addition to Silver Sneakers and the AARP Driver's Safety Course for seniors, family programs include Family Game Night, Pumpkin and

Gingerbread House Decorating and Breakfast with Santa.

New Business:

Senior Expo – Thursday, September 21

Ginny sent in the registration form to Rep. Todd Stephen's office so the Senior Committee can have a table at the event. She also distributed sample flyers that the Committee can hand out at the Expo and Autumn Festival. Volunteers should be at the Center at 9:30 am and the event is 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Autumn Festival – Saturday, October 7

Ginny submitted the vendor form so the Senior Committee will have a table at the Autumn Festival. Leftover flyers from the Senior Expo will be used at the Autumn Festival. Matt said there will be no on-site parking – shuttle buses will bring people to the Center from the PMI and Fellowship Church parking lots. The event is being advertised on the billboard on Rt. 309 near Stump Road.

Medicare Workshop – Wednesday, October 25

The workshop will be set up in Event Room B because Nancy Morris has a PowerPoint presentation in addition to answering questions from the audience. In addition to flyers being available at the Senior Expo and Autumn Festival, Ginny will have the event added to the Township's E-news and Facebook page.

Breakfast with Santa – Saturday, December 9

Jackie asked if anyone on the Committee would be available to help out and everyone except Marian who has a prior commitment said they could help out. Our guests, Frances Liao and Charles Vesay, also seemed willing to help.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting – Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 pm in Event Room A.

Submitted by
Ginny Bailey