

Montgomery Township Senior Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 1, 2017

Location: Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Building, Senior Lounge

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

Also present: Frances Liao, Richard Grier, Director of Information Technology, and Kelsey Whalen, Public Information Coordinator

Regular Meeting

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

The minutes of the September 6, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Senior Seminars

Ginny invited Rich Grier and Kelsey Whalen to discuss possible topics for the Winter Senior Seminars. Ginny mentioned that she had been disappointed with the attendance at the Spring Senior Seminars so possible reasons were discussed such as the time and date and having more than one a month. Mornings at 10:00 am might be bad for seniors so it was suggested the winter seminars be held in the afternoons from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Rather than get an outsider to speak and risk a low turnout, it was decided that Rich and Kelsey will do a presentation in February on social media and helping people get set up plus a help desk afterwards to answer specific tech questions. We will also ask Montgomery Township Police Officer Robert Johnson hold a presentation in March. It was the consensus of the Committee to re-evaluate the Senior Seminars after the winter seminars and decide if they are worth continuing.

Unfinished Business:

Autumn Festival – Recap

Matt reported that this year's Autumn Festival had the largest attendance. There were many compliments but the few complaints involved parking, long lines, and that we charged for pumpkins this year. It is one of the few events in the Township where everyone (Township staff and volunteers) takes part to make the event a success.

Medicare Seminar – Recap

The Committee members said it wasn't well attended (maybe 20 people) but it could be because there are a lot of similar seminars in the area. One take-away was that the attendees were not

aware they could meet with Nancy Morris one-on-one to talk about personal situations.

Senior Expo – Recap

The Committee members thought it was well attended and visitors to the Senior Committee table were surprised to hear that seniors could join the Rec Center through Silver Sneakers and Silver & Fit.

Breakfast with Santa

Matt reminded the Committee that there would be 2 sessions this year – Session I from 9:00 am to 10:30 am and Session II from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Santa will arrive at 10:00 am and stay until 11:00 am. Volunteers, which included most of the Committee, could stay for 1 session or the whole event.

Report from the Recreation Office

Matt reported the Center's been busy with Montgomery Basketball starting so the gyms are busy most evenings and weekends. There are 67 adults signed up for adult basketball, 7-20 youngsters attending our pre-school programs and pickle ball courts are set up daily due to the demand for gym time. Memberships continue to grow and we hope to have our Winter Newsletter in mailboxes the beginning of December.

New Business:

Reorganization Meeting in January

The next meeting will be held January 3rd and will begin with the reorganization meeting. Jackie has served 2 years as chair so the Committee was asked to think about possible members to nominate for chair and vice chair. The Committee was also encouraged to come with ideas for activities for 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Next meeting – Wednesday, January 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Senior Lounge.

Submitted by
Ginny Bailey