

## Metuchen Senior Commission Minutes

November 8, 2023

Present: Rick Perrine, Wendi Richards, Lynn Bergner, Dorothy Giamboi, Tom Hansen, Lorraine Perkins, Beverley Wilson.

Absent: Dominick Pugliese, Anita Pugliese, Mike Sudol, Jay Shroff, Trena Whitaker,

Guests: 0

The regular meeting of the Metuchen Senior Center took place at 15 Center St., Metuchen, NJ 08840 and was called to order at 4:00 pm by Tom Hansen and seconded by Lorraine Perkins.

### **Old Business:**

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The agenda for the meeting was distributed.

Monthly senior birthday lunches have been very successful.

The themes have been

Sept. Step into fall. LaRosa catered. The county supplied entertainment.

Oct. Halloween, Pizza and subs catered by Che Pizza. Sondra Flite entertained us.

Nov. Thanksgiving lunch. Turkey dinner cooked by the lunch committee.

Rick will do a lunch survey for information about favorite restaurants, types of foods liked, vegetarians, vegans and allergies.

### **New Business:**

Sept. – Walks with Wendi on Wednesday are a hit. About 12 people each week.

December lunch will be about the holidays and we will probably have the children from the YMCA entertain us.

Seniors will sign up to ride the bus for the Holiday parade, Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. Wendi will do the parade registration and Tom will have the bus cleaned. Tom will also play holiday CD's on the bus.

Center reopened after 3 weeks of closure for renovations; painted, new floor, new shelves, some tables and chairs will come this year and some more next year. Fitness classes at the American Legion and games at the library went very smoothly.

Topics that were brought up:

Beverley made a motion to raise the price of monthly lunch from \$10.00 to \$15.00 starting Jan. 2024.

Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. 5 Yay – 0 Nay

A motion was made to raise the yearly fee for out of towners from \$60.00 to \$70.00. 5 Nay

Wendi is checking with Middlesex College Hospitality Program, Metuchen HS cooking class, Vocational school and the county for our monthly lunches. The teacher at the high school is interested but out sick. No answer at Vo-Tech. Left message at the college and the county is a no.

Lorraine would like a way to advertise to get more people to join the center. Rick will look into doing an open house.

Meetings for 2024 are April 10<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting is April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Wednesday from 4-6 PM.

Tom Hansen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:00. Lorraine Perkins seconded the motion.

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