BRANT SENIOR CITIZENS’ ORGANIZATION

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 Minutes

Call to Order: President Huffnagle called the meeting to order at 12:45

Prayers were said for: Neil Ross, Family of Joe Giancarlo,

Welcome: The President welcomed our new member, Carol Brodie.

Celebrating birthdays this month: Janet Bowman, Tish Brady, Rosemary Hauser, Lynda Mason, Joe Ostrowski, Dennis Rubeck

50/50 Winners: Loretta Vaticano & Marie Lalka. The free lunch went to Marilyn Cordia.

Attendance: Seniors are present 34

Guest Speaker: Jacob Rachwal from Accessibility Services System Adult Outreach Services from downtown Library. He used to work at the North Collins Library. He had a slide show presentation that showed:

1. You need to get a library card to access all the following if you don’t have one.

2. You can check out up to 50 items for 7 days and renew 3 times.

3. Interlibrary loan: You can borrow books from across the country if Erie County doesn’t have what you want. They ship the items for free to your library.

4. Free computer use & wifi. You can borrow a hot spot for traveling.

5. They have programs for all ages including babies.

6. There are also things you can borrow like a dolly to move things, record player, days. board games, check with your library. You can borrow the items for 7 days.

7. You can get audible books & ebooks free from library.

8. You can pick out books or items you want to borrow and have the library mail them to you for free. A return card is included. Return the items in the same mail bag for free.

9. Computer training classes. They will teach you how to work the computer, teach different programs etc.

10. Book a librarian to help with research.

11. Downtown has launchpad maker space, where you can convert cds, 8track etc for free to a thumb drive.

12. Go to Buffalolib.org. to order items, get a library card, check hours etc. You will need your 4 digit pin. Contact the library if you can’t remember it.

President Huffnagle reported that the Town Board, at their March meeting, had a meeting which they did not vote on the grill. Town Attorney Trask stated, “The Town would be the applicant and recipient if approved, and therefore would be in control of the project and grill.  The Town will decide who would be permitted to use the grill. Dolly would like some seniors to attend the Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 9th at 7pm to explain what we want.

It was suggested to try different places for pizza or get subs. We also need to raise our lunch money to $5.00 per person. A motion was made by Sharon Catalano and seconded by Marie Lalka to increase our money for lunch to $5.00 per person. Approved. A motion was made by Lynda Ostrowski and seconded by Marie Lalka that we pay $20 to the person bringing the salad each month. Approved. The person bringing the salad can make a pasta salad, whatever they want to make.

Secretary’s Report: Secretary Ostrowski read the Minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Elmer McSkimming and seconded by Rosemary Hauser. Approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Czyz reported that we have in our Operating Account: $1869.85

and in our Travel Account: $7759.07.

Dolly said she received some suggestions from the group:

1. Audit of books – Elmer stated that the treasurer’s book and travel account by Marge are audited. We need to revise the bylaws to include the account held by Marge. To be discussed in May.

2. Someone said the Brant residents should pay $10 per trip. No one agreed. All Brant Seniors are entitled to go on the trips at a members rate because the town subsidies our group. Non-member Seniors are not entitled to a free or discounted picnic lunch or Christmas lunch or anything else the membership covers.

3. Someone asked to hand out an agenda for each meeting. No one wanted it.

4. It was suggested that the Sunshine committee reports what is needed to the President each month. The President said she is given a report when something is needed.

5. Someone suggested to have a suggestion box. If you have a suggestion, give it to the president. Maybe write it down.

Salad for next month: Faith DeLong will make the salad for May and Meg Pantera will make it for June.

Correspondence: The Secretary stated that we received a letter from Excelsior Orthopaedics showing when they will be having specific seminars. There is a sheet hanging on the bulletin board at the Senior Building.

Trips:

May 14: Reverend Mother at Black North Inn by Lake Ontario. We leave at 9:30am and return about 6pm. There will be a buffet lunch followed by the Reverend Mother Show at The Cabaret at Studio B in Albion. On the way home, we will stop at the Amish store Miller’s Bakery and Bulk Foods.

June 19: We go to Station Dinner Theatre in Erie PA. We will see The Wild Women of Winedale. We leave at 10am and return at 7:30pm. Lunch is served family style. After the play we have a choice to go to Presque Isle or Millcreek Mall.

Adjournment: Elmer McSkimming motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by everyone. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynda Ostrowski

Secretary