BRANT SENIOR CITIZENS’ ORGANIZATION

June 5, 2024 Minutes

Call to Order: Vice-President Sharon Catalano called the meeting to order at 12:40pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Sargeant of Arms Geri DePovelo led us in the pledge.

Sargeant Geri announced that there will be no cleaning up until the meeting is over. We all need to be included in the meeting discussion.

Attendance: Attendance was taken, 32 seniors are present.

Secretary Lynda Ostrowski talked about the new folders that each family received. They contain a roster, bylaws and a general agenda of our meetings. Bring the folder each month.

Prayers were said for: Neil Ross, Len Petit

Celebrating birthdays this month: Robert Wargula

50/50 Winners: A mystery gift was donated by the Ross’s. Madonna Huffnagle and Josie Battaglia won the money, the free meal went to Joanne Morrissey, the surprise gift went to Nancy Henry. It was a Waffle maker.

Secretary’s Report: Secretary Ostrowski read the May minutes. George Cordia motioned to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Marie Lalka. Approved.

Treasurers Report: Treasure Czyz reported that we have $1763.21 in our Operating Account and $3808.07 in our Travel Account.

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Andres: Consumer Protection: Identity Theft & Credit & Public Advocacy. Weights & Measures check to make sure everything we pay for is what we get. Super Refund Law of 1997: Scanner accuracy. The law requires all businesses to price each item. A waiver can be given to a store to not label each item. The store must post a sign if they have a waiver. If a price on the shelf is wrong you purchase the item and then get the cost returned to you and an amount up to $10.

If you have a complaint about work that is done, contact this office. She talked about how to Spot the Scam. University Express holds all kinds of classes at Senior Buildings in Erie County. 1. Scammers can be from a business or organization you know. Phising is by email, vishing is by voice mail, smishing by text messages. For emails, check who it’s really coming from by looking at the sender address. Forward the email to

Vishing is a false call, tell them you’re busy then call the actual number for that business.

Smishing is on text messages. They usually give a link for you to click on, DO NOT CLICK ON LINKS!

2. Scammers say there is a prize or problem. If you’re winning a prize there should be no fee.

3. Scammers pressure you to act immediately. They may threaten you, sue you, arrest you. The Grandparent scam. Don’t answer the questions that’s online. People use this as a scam.

4. Scammers will tell you to pay in a certain way. Gift cards are for gifts not for payments. They can also befriend you and eventually ask for money to help with something.

Trip Coordinator Report: Marge reported:

**Wednesday, 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.

**Wednesday, July 24**: Go to Erie PA to visit St Patricks Church, then go to Presque Isle State Park picnic lunch cookout buffet including: garden salad, roll & butter, baked chicken, bbq spare ribs, potato salad, baked beans, coffee, water & unsweetened tea. After lunch we will have a sundae from Sara’s. Then we take a ride on the Victorian Princess paddle boat. We leave at 8:15am and return at 6:30pm.

**Tuesday, Aug 20**: We go to Seneca Niagara to see Bachelors of Broadway at 1pm. Trip will include: $20 slot money, $10 food credit and the show. We leave at 9:15am and return at 5:45pm.

**Saturday, Sept 21**: We go to the Riviera Theatre in North Tonawanda to see Frankie Avalon We leave at 5:45pm and return about 11:00pm.

Other Business:

Salad Volunteer for Meeting: Marie Lalka volunteered to make the salad.

Brantfest Bake Sale: There is a signup sheet for baking and helping.

Picnic: August Meeting: We should make sure the charcoal & lighter is in our storage room so we can start cooking by 11. Marie Lalka motioned to have the picnic with hot dogs and everyone brings a salad or dessert, seconded by everyone. Carried.

Adjournment: Bob Wargula motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rosemary Hauser. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Ostrowski

Secretary