BRANT SENIOR CITIZENS’ ORGANIZATION

July 3, 2024 Minutes

**Call to Order**: President Huffnagle called the meeting to order at 12:20

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

**Attendance**: We had 27 members present.

**Guest Speaker**: Melissa from Erie County Senior Services. She is the Supervisor of NY Connects. Services available: Links to meals on wheels, home health care, benefit enrollment center for heap, snap or Medicaid. Options counseling. Peace management services. HICAP for health insurance councilors. Retired Volunteer Seniors, Free Classes. Going places van, Health and Wellness Program, Exercise classes, Nutrition program – serves meals in places. Also have go & dine program & frozen food pickup. Respite program. Help with power of attorney. Income limits: for SNAP, HEAP yes. Medicaid limits have gone up to help with low income. Home instead offers in home care. They can recommend programs. Homecare services. She left handouts for everyone. Harmonia is our local branch.

**Prayers were said for**: Janice & Neil Ross, Lenard Petit, Dan Marecki

**Celebrating birthdays this month**: Carrie Andolina, Jo Battaglia, Yvonne Heller, Meg Pantera, Sheila Rauker, Janice Ross, John Szczerbacki

**50/50 Winners**: Diane Czyz, Lynda Mason, Free Lunch went to Marlene McSkimming

**Secretary’s Report:** Secretary Ostrowski read the June Minutes. A question was raised about the picnic. Are we having just hot dogs or are hamburgers included? We are having both. A motion to approve the revised minutes was made by Elmer McSkimming and seconded by Bob Wargula. Approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Czyz reported that we have $1834.03 in our operating account and $3808.07 plus $7,500.00 from the town for a total of $11,308.07 in our Travel Account. It was noted that Marie Lalka donated the $15 from making the salad to the bake sale.

**Trip Coordinator Report:**

**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.

Dolly has received messages from people regarding Marge’s travel bank account. They would like to have a report of the money in her account. At the end of the last meeting, Marge told us that we were almost out of money. The cost of bus is over $1,000. She gives a report to Diane that shows how many Brant people went, how many outsiders went and how much was collected and spent. We asked that this report be included in the Trip Coordinator Report. Marge was in agreement of including the reports to the membership. The treasurer said she will give the report. Marge also said that she has a receipt book that we can look at any time. We were told that Diane pays for the bus out of the town’s money. Marge pays for the actual trip out of what she collects.

**Salad Volunteer for September Meeting**: Dolly Huffnagle volunteered.

**Brantfest Bake Sale Report**: Madonna Huffnagle reported that we brought in $387.00. She thanked Linda Andrejewski and Angie Gullo for working the whole day. Thank you to everyone who baked and donated money. They were moved inside the building. Make sure we have a spot inside. We will need to get gloves for next year. We will need to mention next year that they should not make anything perishable. We will also need to make sure we have a spot inside the building.

**Collection of items:** President Huffnagle asked if we would like to have a collection to give to a group in need. We need to plan it now. We will talk about it in September.

**Craft Show:** Lynda Ostrowski talked about the Craft Show on November 9 10 – 4 Setup Friday November 8 at 6pm. We open the doors at 8am. We will need help setting up and working the kitchen. We can have a basket raffle if the committee wants. If you’d like to help on the committee, let me know. The money collected from the table rental, the kitchen and a raffle goes directly to the seniors.

**Picnic:** Our picnic is August 7. A sign-up sheet is being passed around

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

Respectfully submitted

Lynda Ostrowski

Secretary