BRANT SENIOR CITIZENS’ ORGANIZATION

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 Minutes

Call to Order: President Huffnagle called the meeting to order at 12:25

President Huffnagle stated that she needs to appoint a sergeant of arms according to the bylaws. Geri Depovelo volunteered.

Faith DeLong Day. The organization presented a plaque to Faith honoring her many years of service to the Seniors.

Celebrating birthdays this month: JoAnne Morrissey, Neil Ross, Lynda Ostrowski

50/50 Winners: Marion Berns, Linda Andrzejewski. The Free Lunch was won by Sheila Rauker. A special Easter gift was donated by Janice & Neil Ross and was won by Joyce DeCarlo.

Attendance: Seniors are present 32.

Secretary’s Report: Secretary Ostrowski read the February Minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Janice Ross and seconded by George Cordia. Approved.

Treasurers: Diane Czyz reported that we have in our Operating Account: $1852.85

and in our Travel Account: $7759.07. She said we received $7,500 from the town.

Dolly Huffnagle mentioned the concerts in the park will begin on Monday, July 15th at 6pm. There will be 5 concerts.

Janice Ross talked about the change in districts for voting. We now have 3 districts instead of 4. If you live in the Village of Farnham, you are still District 3 and vote at the Village Hall. If you live on the Reservation, you are now District 2 and will vote at the Senior Building. Everyone else is now District 1 and will vote at the Senior Building. The redistricting is due to the census that was taken a few years ago. We have lost population in many towns in NY which lead to a reduction of representation in the House of Representatives. Therefore, the districts had to be redrawn.

Yvonne Heller mentioned that March 19th is the village election. All those living in the village should come out to vote.

Joe Ostrowski said that Neil Ross suggested getting a storage shed. Joe saw a vinyl unit, 7x7 for under $1,000. We will vote on everything.

Salad for next month: Sheila Rauker will make it.

Correspondence: Secretary Ostrowski reported that she received an email from John Mills Office regarding the grant. It states that we need to file specific information of what we want to purchase and the bills for it. They also have to contact the Supervisors Office for information on the insurance.

Trips: Sharon mentioned that both trips need to be paid today.

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.

Our guest speakers: Patty Ann and also Darian Pratchett Erie Co. Dept of Health.

She handed out packaged survival blankets to each person to keep in their cars.

She also had Emergency Information Handbook, Fire Safety Tips and information for an app for the phone to receive special notifications.

She suggested to check our homeowners/renters’ insurance policy to see exactly what is covered. Take a picture of each room in your house and your cars, garages and sheds to show what you own. This is to prove you own the items. During a storm, help may not be able to get to you. She suggested to have a circle of people that live around you to check on you and you check on them. Be prepared to survive for a minimum of 3 days but 5 to 7 days would be better. Make sure the friend’s circle has your medical equipment information and have a key to your house. Use the yellow dot pamphlets to help in an emergency. Keep them up to date. If you use oxygen, be sure to get an extra tank. MOLST form (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) which lists your medical decisions in case you can’t speak. Also, subscribe to OnStar or AAA. OnStar will call you in the car if there is an accident or you can call for help.

During the winter or anytime, take medicine with you when going out. Keep gas tank above ½. Have a shovel, good winter boots, whistle, emergency sign, food, clothes, water. For the home have lanterns, food, water, batteries, first aid kit, toilet paper, clear out exhaust pipes. If someone gets frost bite, use lukewarm water.

Adjournment: Marie Lalka motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nancy Henry. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynda Ostrowski

Secretary