BRANT SENIOR CITIZENS’ ORGANIZATION

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 Minutes

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

Guest Speaker Matthew Brady from Elderwood Health Plan talked about their health insurance plan which is Medicaid based. They have home health care, aides, managed long-term care – those needing help with bathing, dressing, cooking etc. They have health care managers in the area. Dental, hearing, eye care, foot care, occupational, physical therapies, day care and more. Medicaid is for those 21 and over. No specific medical issues. Everyone is assessed by NYS if they are eligible to receive this plan. For Medicaid contact Erie County Senior Services. There is no cost to the individual.

Prayers were said for: Family of David Berns, Lenny Pero, Faith DeLong

Celebrating birthdays this month: George Cordia, Marilyn Cordia, Dolly Huffnagle, Elmer McSkimming

50/50 Winners: Jo Friend, Janice Ross, Eunice Phillips, Lunch – Marie Lalka

Roll Call: 30 Seniors are present

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

Treasurers: Diane Czyz reported that we have in our Operating Account: $687.50

and in our Travel Account: $6697.71

Our President Faith DeLong asked our Vice President Sharon Catalano to bring up a few items:

1. Next month maybe have soup & sandwiches. Bob Wargula motioned to have a

 soup and sandwich lunch, seconded by Barb Daniel. Approved. Faith will order

 sandwiches.

2. Christmas Lunch: Where should we have it. Janice Ross motioned to have it again at the

 Colony, seconded by Marge Pero and Jackie Hoisington. Approved.

3. Would we consider doing a real 50/50 drawing instead of several. Suggestions to have 2

 Drawings. Bob Wargula motioned that we have 2 drawings, seconded by Janice Ross.

 Bob changed his motion to include the free lunch. Approved.

Our Supply Officer, Rosemary Hauser mentioned that we are getting an overload of supplies. We have expired dressings, coffee etc. It was mentioned that some people renting the building will use our refrigerator supplies. Before buying anything, please check with Rosemary to see if we need the items.

Trips:

Marge Pero stated that 2 people cancelled the Lockport Locks trip. She said it would be appropriate if you cancel your trip you should pay the full amount less the $35 because we don’t get that money back. She also suggested that we raise our trips to $40.00 because of the increase in costs. Janice Ross suggested that the Secretary write a letter to the Town Board to raise our Trip Money due to the increase in costs. Marge motioned to charge $40.00 for the Brant Residents for the trips beginning January 2024, seconded by Marie Lalka. Carried.

Janice Ross motioned to have the secretary write a letter to the town board to increase our subsidized money from $12,000 to $15,000 due to the increase in the cost of the buses, tickets and venues, seconded by Dolly Huffnagle. Carried.

**Tuesday, October 3**: Auburn NY: Lunch and then go to Merry Go Round Playhouse to see “A Chorus Line”. We will stop at a fast-food restaurant on the way home. We will pay for our own dinner. Leave at 8am, return at 7:15pm

**Wednesday, October 18**: Arcade & Attica Railroad: Take a ride on the train then go to the Springville Country Club for lunch. To purchase items, you must bring cash. We leave at 10:45am and return at 6:15pm.

**Tuesday, December 5:** Seneca Niagara Casino to see Merry Christmas Darling: Carpenters Christmas. We receive $20 slot play and $10 food credit and the show. We leave at 8:45am and return at 5:15pm

Neil Ross reminded us about the deer in the area this time of year. Don’t swerve to avoid them. Also, if you are part of a road rage don’t go home, go to the police station.

He also mentioned taking the AARP class. The class is good for 3 years.

Dolly Huffnagle mentioned that insurance has imposed a fee for spouses. Check with your insurance company regarding this.

Dolly also said Ruthann from the Rural Transit is in need of drivers.

Geri DePovelo mentioned if you take the class online and don’t complete the test in 30 minutes, you get kicked out and don’t get your money back.

It was noted that garbage pickup is delayed 1 day this week due to Labor Day.

Adjournment: Marge Pero motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by everyone. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynda Ostrowski

Secretary