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SENIOR COMMITTEE MINUTES

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To: Laurie A. Roth
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Hi Laurie,
Can you please post these on the Allentown Borough Website?
Betty

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These minutes were approved by the committee Friday, February 7th.
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Per Martha
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To: Martha Johnson <mjohnson@allentownboronj.com>, Kathy Siegel <siegelj9@aol.com>, Crystal James <unionallentownnj@gmail.com>, Paulette Buszko <paulette.buszko@gmail.com>
Subject: DRAFT Allentown Senior Committee Minutes - January 10, 2025

To Voting Members of the Allentown Senior
Committee: Please review.

Allentown Senior Committee Minutes
January 10, 2025
Call To Order - Reading of Public Meeting Notice
Salute To The Flag

Attendance:

Senior Committee Members:

Martha Johnson
Rev. Crystal James
Kathy Siegel
Betty Elder
Paulette Buszko-Absent

Non-Members:

Sue Kozel
Linda Cotte
Steve Satran
Mayor Thomas Fritts

Old Business:

Discussed Holiday Festival - 12/13/24

Everyone agreed it was a wonderful well attended event! Of those signing in: 32 from UFT, 27 Allentown Borough, 1 Trenton. There were at least another 25-30 attendees from Allentown Borough Staff, DPW, Police Department & members from the area.

Suggestions from attendees included: Having a Senior Center, bus trips to AC, plays, line dancing, Tai Chi, luncheons, speakers, chair yoga, arts & crafts.

A request was made to get the final cost for the Holiday Event. At the January 7th meeting, Borough Council approved payment to LaPiazza of \$540, which included unused funds from the Allentown's Environmental Commission & the Mayor's Fund. Other donations included: \$125 from Rev. Crystal James & a private anonymous donor.

New Business:

Trips:

Linda Cotte has a contact who is a Trip Advisor. She offered to contact for suggestions. Steve Satran commented that Four Seasons has had trouble filling bus trips. He would like to see both Allentown & Upper Freehold residents get involved in more upcoming events. A discussion took place about various

locations that offer inexpensive bus transportation to NYC; namely, Freehold & New Brunswick. It was the consensus that Seniors would prefer departing from Allentown. Other suggestions for trip locations included Grounds For Sculpture & Longwood Gardens.

Sue Kozel submitted a letter asking for resignation as an Allentown Senior Committee "Volunteer". Copy attached. She is also asking for her reimbursement of \$95. The Committee agrees that once we receive our 2025 budget allocation, she will receive the reimbursement after receipts for her reimbursement are submitted to the Borough of Allentown. It should be noted that everyone whether member or volunteer freely donated their time & goods to the Holiday Festival, as well as other 2024 events & programs.

All Senior Planning Meetings to be held 1st Friday of each month.

2025 Events:

All events should be scheduled on Fridays, Noon to 2pm.

If possible, once we know how to setup virtual yoga, we can fill in chair yoga in the months where we can. Also, pickleball clinics & games can be added.

Martha Johnson will contact Nikki Darling for her expertise on event flyers for Laurie Roth's email blasts. On all event flyers, it has been decided that when asking for a cost for the event, it should say "Cost to cover program expense & refreshments".

January:

Fulton Bank "Scam Alerts". Linda Cotte Will contact the manager to see if he can schedule the program for January or February.

Virtual Chair Yoga. Martha Johnson will contact Frank Cincotti, Chair, Historic Preservation Commission, who offered help to connect a chair yoga program on the Borough system.

February:

Hadley Rose Borkowski has time in February to do a healthy cooking demo. She will supply all materials for \$8 per person. We just need to let her know number of registrants. Betty Elder will contact Hadley if 2/14 or 2/28

would work for her.

Note: We may need to move her to 2/28 depending when the "Scam Alert" program happens. Registration cost: \$10 to cover program cost & refreshments.

March 14th:

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Kathy Siegel has arranged for Carl, ragtime guitarist, to perform. Donations: Betty Elder, Irish Soda Bread. Martha Johnson, chocolate covered pretzel sticks, Crystal James, green cans of ginger ale.

Note: Do we want to ask Angie Fritts to come & do her Memory/Vision Boards as a craft at this time? Mayor Fritts said it's her favorite holiday.

April 11th, Raindate April 28th:

Senior Spring Walk Around Heritage Park!

Bring your grandkids, dogs & senior friends!

Bagels, cream cheese, fruit, water. Donations: Apples, bananas, oranges, Betty Elder. Bagels, Crystal & Martha. Tables to be set-up in Heritage Park or we could use existing park picnic tables.

May:

Mention was made to have a Tea Party. I know where we can get real china tea cups. Not sure about the tea pots. Will ask Kelly Owens to help. She seemed interested in doing this. Thoughts?

Meeting Adjourned: 2:15pm.