

Minutes of January 19, 2023
St Peters Senior Advisory Committee

Meeting called to Order- The meeting was called to order at 12:33 pm at The St. Peters Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Prayer was said in unison by everyone.

Roll call- Those attending were: Martha Bante, Chris Brush, Debbie Coval, Mary Evans, Maribeth Huddleston, Ken Richardson, Lorene (Net) Thomas, Roger Young, Marvin (Mark) Sloan, Alderman Violet, MaryPat Harms and Emily Flick.

Approval of Minutes- A motion to approve the November 2022 minutes was made by Roger Young and seconded by Net Thomas. The motion carried and the minutes were passed.

Public Comments- Alderman Violet advised she is in the early stages of securing a garden space for seniors after a conversation with Chris Brush. She has talked with Central County Fire & Rescue Outreach to see if they might have space on their property. A discussion was held about logistics with the garden and possibly building raised beds. We all agreed this could be a good potential Eagle Scout Project. Alderman Violet will update on her progress at the next meeting.

Alderman Violet also announced to us that she did not file for office as an alderman again and her last day will be April 27, 2023.

Chris Brush announced that she has temporarily moved out of the St. Peters city limits, so she will need to resign from the board, but intends to re-join once she is a City resident again.

New members, Mark Sloan and Debra Coval, and staff liaison Emily Flick were welcomed to the committee.

Items of Discussion- A discussion was held regarding the proposed Networking event tentatively scheduled for April 2023. The committee fully supported hosting the event again. Emily will reserve the Cultural Arts Center and provide the date to the committee once approved by the City Administrator. Debbie agreed to reach out to Alderman Judy Bateman for information about which groups may still be active from the 2022 event. It was agreed that prior to the event, we need to have a list of open places where the groups could meet once they form. It was also discussed that members of the committee should be assigned to lead the groups until

another wishes to take over to ensure the groups continue to meet and be active. There was a brief discussion on how to advertise the event, and Emily advised she will work with the City's Communications Department to advertise it.

The committee briefly discussed a community card making party mentioned at the November meeting. While there is still interest in doing this type of party, it was determined that the networking event should take priority. We will revisit this idea after April.

Emily told us about the City of St. Charles Senior Activities Fair being held March 30th at the Foundry Art Center. They have invited us to have a booth/table at the fair. They are having a meeting on March 14th at the St. Charles County Bldg on 2nd street to organize the fair and would like the Senior Advisory Committees in St Charles County to join them. Emily advised the committee they should let her know if they can attend the planning meeting or wish to represent the Committee at the Fair itself. Chris Brush and Alderman Violet expresses interest in doing so.

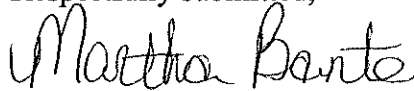
The City of O'Fallon is in the early stages of planning a Senior Fair to be held on May 3rd. At this time the details and location are unknown. A motion to have a table at both events was made by Debra Coval and seconded by Roger Young/Ken Richardson and all present agreed.

There was a brief discussion that the Senior Advisory Committee brochures and advertising information needs to be reviewed. No action was taken though.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Evans at 1:35 pm and seconded by Maribeth Huddleston.

Next meeting will be March 16, 2023 at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Martha Bante