Minutes of January 19th 2017
St. Peters Senior Advisory Committee

Call to order:

The January meeting was called to order by Glenda Jungers at 12:30 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was said by all

Prayer was said in unison by everyone.

Roll call
The roll was called by MaryPat Smith & those attending were: Christine Brush, Carol Davis, Mary Evans, Patricia Fuchs, Maribeth Huddleston, Glenda Jungers, Melvin Maire, Wilbert Schmidt, Lorene (Net) Thomas, Terri Hirsch, N. Andrea Whisenton, Michael Shea & MaryPat Smith. Since Joyce Altobell (Secretary) was absent, MaryPat volunteered to take the minutes for the meeting.

Approval of minutes—September’s minutes were approved first by Christine, seconded by Net, and then approved by all. October’s minutes were first approved by Mary, seconded by Christine, and then approved by all.

Items of Discussion

- MaryPat Smith was introduced as the new Volunteer & Training Specialist for the City of Saint Peters. She is the new staff liaison for the Committee.
- The Committee list was passed around for members to verify/update their contact information.
- We discussed the Senior Fair. Some ideas included moving the meeting from the Fall to the Spring as there are a lot of events occurring in the fall: Celebrate St. Peters, craft fairs, sporting events, Baue’s fair, etc. We’re not sure if we can secure vendors and the facility in time for a Spring event. MaryPat will follow up with these as well as with the O’Fallon Senior Fair contact. Terri will get her this contact information. MaryPat will see if the first Saturday in October is already booked for the Senior Fair. It was mentioned to move the fair from a Saturday to a weekday. Buses don’t run on Saturdays and transportation is an issue for a lot. We do prefer our venue and parking to O’Fallon, but O’Fallon had some nice, bright t-shirts for their volunteers.
- We did not do “Adopt a Road” clean…too cold and rainy. Glenda did sign the contract to renew the road for the Committee. MaryPat reminded them that technically they’re supposed to clean 6 times/year. MaryPat will bring supplies to
the March meeting if the weather is nice. Our stretch of road is Mid Rivers from McMenamy to Suemandy. Alderman Shea let the Committee know that Mid Rivers is going to be widened along that area and that we might not be able to do trash pick up during construction.

- The Committee let MaryPat know of other events they usually do. The Fashion Show that happened in 2016 is supposed to be an every other year event. The group also assists with Trivia Night. Alderman Shea reminded the group that they can be on the lookout for items for the raffle all year long. Last year, while Trivia Night did sell out, it only raised $100 more than the previous year. Their goal was about $5,000 more. Bigger, high end items might help in the raffle to increase profits. Committee members said that the problem in the past has been that folks don’t know which places have already been asked for donations, a lot of places require you go through the corporate offices, etc. A list of targeted items/places with assignments would be helpful as well as the tax letter/number. Baskets that folks contribute to as groups are always wonderful too! MaryPat asked that the group come to the February meeting with ideas they’ve brainstormed about other ways they can be involved in 2017. Depending on what happens with the Senior Fair, we’ll need a project!

- New alternate members are needed. Rod Harris was mentioned as he recently e-mailed MaryPat about Meals on Wheels. Alderman Shea thought he would be a good fit. Christine also mentioned her neighbor, Joe Mudrovic, who currently is a volunteer with the city. MaryPat will follow up with them.

- MaryPat let the group know of other upcoming events in the city such as the Girls’ GAC and State Swim Meet, Father Daughter Dance, Clean Streams Day, Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, Triathlon, etc. She encouraged the committee to contact her if they were interested in volunteering at any of these fun events and to be on the lookout for newsletters with upcoming events and ways to volunteer.

- Terri let the committee know about Free Tax Services for Seniors. She gave MaryPat a flyer to get to everyone. There is also a talk on Thursday, February 16th at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center on the Heroin epidemic. That is the day of the next meeting, so the committee was encouraged to attend the talk, stay for lunch, then the meeting. Heroin is a big concern in the area. Seniors are affected when people may take medications from their homes.

Adjournment
A motion to adjourn was made by Wilbert at 1:15 p.m. and seconded by Mel.

Next meeting will be February 16th at 12:30 pm

Respectfully submitted
MaryPat Smith