

GOLDEN GULLS COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

ATTENDEES:

Luann Breese
Lucille Buonocore
Cornelia Calderone
Peter Calderone
Rose Camune
Michael Cipoletti
Joan Clune
Marion Dillane
John Dosch
Theresa Dosch
Mary Ann Dlugosz
Mary Ann Fort
Kathleen Galante
Greg Gradel
Rich Norris
Maryjane Reilly
Larry Schwartz
Michele Testa
Councilman Doug Vitale

Maryjane Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and reminded all attendees to sign in.

Motion by Theresa to accept the August meeting minutes.

Second by Joan.

All were in favor.

TREASURY REPORT:

Joan Clune

The expenses for the Seafood Festival were as follows;

\$33.50 Balloons

\$58.71 Water, Ice, Cups

\$175.00 Table

\$267.21 Total Expenses

At the Festival 21 bags were sold and 24 ornaments. A few ornaments were lost due to breakage.

Previously 38 bags were sold and 20 ornaments.

Total monies collected so far is \$809.00

There were a few donations at the seafood Festival.

We paid \$972.50 for the bags and \$2185 for the ornaments.

We are \$2347.00 in the hole.

So, we will try and sell the items at the Tug of War, our events, and the Homegrown Harvest Festival.

John asked if we can post the items on our Facebook Page.

Theresa will check with Chris Riehl.

We will store the items in rubbermaid tubs, donated by John and Robyn, in the basement. Maryjane and Joan will inventory the items and secure their placement in the bins.

Joan is waiting for a financial report from Chris Riehl. She will have our account balance at the next meeting.

ASK THE EXPERTS:

Loretta and Jessica reported that they will schedule the event for a luncheon rather than in the early evening. Maryjane will check with Firehouse #1 for availability on November 2nd or 9th.

Speakers will be an Elder Law Attorney and Caregivers of Central Jersey.

Loretta and Jessica will prepare a flyer and give it to Maryjane to get approval from the town administrator.

COUNCIL LIASON REPORT: Doug Vitale

Doug announced that the Recreation Committee's tug of war will be held on Sunday, October 8th from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Doug will try and get us a table to sell our bags and ornaments. There will be a victory party at the Boatyard.

Doug reported that he is continuing to work on plans for the Bandshell and asked that we give him suggestions for activities we would like to see held there.

MOVIE AFTERNOON RECAP:

Maryjane reported that we had 30 people RSVP and 20 attended. She thanked all the volunteers who helped. Several seniors reached out to Maryjane to say how much they enjoyed the afternoon, especially the hot dog cart and popcorn. We'll try and offer another afternoon, perhaps in the winter, showing a classic movie.

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL:

Thanks were extended to Tracey, Robyn, John and all the volunteers who manned the table during the day. We had a signup list for new members interested in joining the Golden gulls or just attending our events. Doug asked to be given the list so he can send an email to those who signed up. Theresa asked Doug to explain to the three new members present tonight how the application process works. You fill out an application online and it then goes to council for approval.

PIZZA AND PAINTING PARTY:

Theresa and Maryjane will lead this event.

We have received approval to have a Pizza and Painting Party on Friday, October 27th from 12:00 to 3:00pm at Firehouse #1.

The artist said that \$5 per person will cover the cost of her supplies. Maryjane has been in contact with Councilwoman Byrnes and is trying to get the supplies we purchased for the last painting party returned. Theresa and Maryjane will try and get pizzas donated or purchased at a reduced price. We'll have more details at the next meeting.

NOVEMBER DOWNTOWN SHOPPING DAY:

Luann will print the flyer she created to give to other businesses and will ask if they will give a discount to seniors that day.

She will have a list of participating stores and will let us sell our bags and ornaments in front of her store. We need a volunteer or two to help with this.

IT CLASSES FOR SENIORS:

Doug reached out to the teacher at the High School and he will be interested in doing classes for us.

BINGO IN JANUARY:

When Doug is on the Endowment Committee in January we will be able to get a license for Bingo, The committee discussed and decided to hold the event in February, Valentine's Bingo.

NEW MEMBER OUTREACH:

As a committee member we should each be reaching out to new members to join us.

NEW BUSINESS:

We need volunteers to help sell our items at the Tug of War and the Homegrown Harvest Festival on October 25th from 12 to 5.

Doug asked that at the next meeting we start to build our calendar of events for next year.

He also announced that he is hoping to hire a social media person for the town next year.

Michele Testa asked if we are going to do the Christmas caroling for the seniors this year. Joan reported that the trolley is very expensive. Doug will look into getting us a better price. If we have the event, we need someone to be the lead.

Maryjane asked where we stand with the AARP grant application process. Doug said we will work on it in 2024.

Mary Ann asked if we could begin our events at 12 instead of 11:30. We will try to do this going forward and see how the seniors respond.

Motion to adjourn by Luann.

Seconded by Joan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Maryjane Reilly
Secretary

