BRANT SENIOR CITIZENS’ ORGANIZATION

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 Minutes

Guest Speakers: Investigative Officer Jack Giachino, Chief Mark Slawek, Jennifer Andres director of Erie County Division of Consumer Protection.

Scammers on seniors. We tend to be more trusting of people. If you are scammed, contact police right away. A person with a young child will walk up to you while and ask to use your phone. Shopping online at scam accounts. Updates with Microsoft. Shut off computer. They will scratch off the number from the back of gift cards. At gas stations and stores, check to see if the card reader is loose and if it is, DON’T USE IT. Use the chip or the tap on the card instead of swiping. People who sit at stores or corners and have a sign – need money house burned down is a scam.

Don’t respond quickly to a phone call, email or text stating that your accounts have been hacked or your grandchild is calling or anything else, ask family members first. If you think a family member is taking advantage of you, contact the police. They will help. There are all kinds of people, Americans, Chinese etc. that are doing the scams. Never pay for a prize. Using Paypal, Venmo etc is ok to use, just be sure you know who you are paying. You cannot get money back from these outlets. HTTPS for a website is a secure website where HTTP is not secure.

Always remember: If it sounds too good to be true then it is.

For help, call the police or Consumer Protection – 716-858-0987 or email: [consumerprotection@erie.gov](mailto:consumerprotection@erie.gov). Their website is [www.erie.gov/consumerprotection](http://www.erie.gov/consumerprotection)

Call to Order: Vice President Catalano called the meeting to order at 1:45pm

Prayers were said for: Yvonne Heller, Lenny Pero, Linda Andrzejewski’s daughter.

Celebrating birthdays this month: Sharon Catalano, Paul Cesana, Kathy Vespa, Verna Bogden

50/50 Winners: Marie Lalka, Dennis Rubeck, Bart Vaticano, The free meal went to Rick Vespa.

Attendance: 31 Seniors are present

Secretary’s Report: Secretary Ostrowski read the November Minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Elmer McSkimming and seconded by Janet Bowman. Approved.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Czyz reported that we have in our Operating Account: $1170.56 and in our Travel Account: $1251.71

Report from Nominating Committee: Barb Daniel and Dolly Huffnagle are the appointed members of the Nominating Committee. Barb was absent so Dolly reported that she called all qualified voting members to see if they would like to run for an office. Everyone said no except for our Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Dolly did mention that Faith DeLong will be stepping down as President.

**President**: Janet Bowman nominates Dolly Huffnagle, seconded by many. Having no other nominations, the secretary will cast one vote for Dolly Huffnagle as President.

**Vice President**: Having no other nominations, the secretary will cast one vote to have Sharon Catalano be elected as Vice President.

**Secretary**: Having no other nominations, the secretary will cast one vote for Lynda Ostrowski to be elected as secretary.

**Treasurer:** Having no other nominations, the secretary will cast one vote for Diane Czyz to be elected as treasurer.

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Installation of Officers will take place at the Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 10 at 1pm dinner served at 1:30pm.

Trips: Trips are done for the year.

Salad for January – Madonna offered to bring the salad.

A reminder that our $10 dues are to be paid in January.

Kathy Vespa announced that on December 15 at 7pm the Eden Faith Baptist Church will be holding their Christmas Program. Everyone is welcome.

Dolly Huffnagle mentioned that Janice Ross is looking into getting a AED for this building.

Lynda Ostrowski mentioned there is a Service of Prayer & Reflection at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Farnham at 1pm this Saturday, December 9. Everyone is welcome.

Adjournment: Marilyn Cordia motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by everyone. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynda Ostrowski

Secretary