

Social Committee Minutes

January 4, 2016

Members in attendance: Lois Schaffer, Peggy Strauss, Mary Kay Owen, Peggy Schulz, Judy Wakefield, Sissy Riley, Helen Jones, Marie-France Ganansia, Roland Tanner, Lorrie Washburn
Members absent: Helen Dodds, Janice Overdorff, Lynda Higgins

The meeting was called to order. Reading of the minutes was not done because all members received them via email. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes.

Old Business

Out to Lunch –The 1/8/16 lunch is scheduled at Stats Sportsgrill at the Sheraton Mesa Hotel (Peggy Strauss). A reminder was sent out last night. Lunch on 2/12/16 is scheduled for the Four Peaks Brewery in Tempe (Helen Jones). Helen reported she has not been able to get in touch with anyone there and will be going there to speak in person with someone in charge. For our 3/11/16 lunch we have changed to Vinci Torio's Restaurant as the Bisbee Breakfast Buffet decided they cannot accommodate us. Vinci Torio serves a lunch buffet for \$11.50 which includes salad, drink, and tax. Lorrie volunteered to be in charge of this. We will have a special room for our group.

Holiday Party – This was a great success with many people telling us how much they enjoyed it. However, some people did feel we needed a little more upbeat entertainment next year, also including more holiday music. Sissy mentioned the MCC choir but they might be having finals at that time of year. However, we will investigate further. We collected 92 pounds of food and \$989 in cash for United Food Bank, which they informed us would provide 4,198 meals. When Lois and Mary Kay made the delivery there they mentioned that they do have tours of the facility – more below.

Events – Phoenix–Mesa Gateway Airport is scheduled for 1/12/16 (Sissy). We have 22 people registered as of today. Sissy is checking how many of those will be having lunch at the Flight Deck Café afterwards. We will meet at 9:45. We are planning to go to the Heard Museum in February. Marie told us they have two different tours (approximately 45 minutes) and we selected the Native People in the Southwest tour. We will try to schedule for Thursday morning, 2/18/16, with 2/17 or 2/25 as alternate dates. The charge for seniors is \$11.50 and for students \$7.50. We will emphasize that people need to bring their student ID's from MCC to receive the discounted rate. Also Peggy Strauss mentioned that there are Culture Passes available at libraries which provide a free entry for two, however Marie has to check to see if they would honor those for a group. The light rail stops right near the museum. On 3/17/16 we have the Amazon.com tour (Lois) scheduled at 1 PM which is limited to 30 people. Miniature golf is planned for April (Mary Kay). The MCC Planetarium and possibly bowling have been mentioned for future events.

New Business

Picnic – This will be scheduled for Thursday, 4/14/16. We will make our reservation again at Desert Breeze Park. We also plan on using Sharko's again as caterer as everyone enjoys their food so much. We do need to check to see if there are going to be classes that day. We again brought up coordinating with the Curriculum Committee as to not scheduling classes on known in advance dates of events such as the Picnic and Holiday Party and Out-to-Lunch.

Future Events – As noted above we found out that the United Food Bank Collection Center does have tours of their facility and we felt that would be an excellent choice for a tour just before the Holiday Party (either October or November) so people can see what happens to their donations. Also some new suggestions were Saguaro Ranch Park in Glendale (Mary Kay and Marie will investigate this), the Thompson Peak Arboretum, and a tour of a Coca Cola bottling plant (Peggy Strauss will check this one out). A possible SRP tour and a tour of the Eisendrath House were also suggested.

Our meeting was then adjourned.

Next Meeting – February 1, 2016, Downtown Campus, Room 203, 9:30 A.M. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Strauss