

Social Committee Minutes

February 1, 2016

Members in attendance: Lois Schaffer, Peggy Schulz, Peggy Strauss, Mary Kay Owen, Judy Wakefield, Sissy Riley, Helen Jones, Marie-France Ganansia, Helen Dodds, Janice Overdorff

Members absent: Lynda Higgins, Roland Tanner, Lorrie Washburn

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 –Peggy Strauss reported that the 1/8/16 lunch at Stats Sportsgrill at the Sheraton Mesa Hotel was attended by 35 people and was enjoyed by all. Lunch on 2/12/16 is scheduled for the Four Peaks Brewery in Tempe (Helen Jones). Helen reported that parking could be a problem. We might have a short tour of the brewing area and someone will give us a talk about the brewery itself. Lorrie is in charge of our 3/11/16 lunch at Vinci Torio's Restaurant which will include the lunch buffet for \$11.50 which also includes salad, drink, and tax.

Events – Sissy reported that the tour of Phoenix–Mesa Gateway Airport on 1/12/16 was full with 25 people and a waiting list. Possibly we will repeat this next fall. The tour was quite interesting and all those who stayed for lunch at the Flight Deck Café afterwards enjoyed it very much. We will visit the Heard Museum (Marie) on Thursday, 2/18/16. We will emphasize that people need to bring their student ID's from MCC to receive the discounted rate. 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 full at 30 people with a waiting list. Miniature golf is planned for April (Mary Kay). Janice will check on the MCC Planetarium for June and Lois will again try to find a bowling venue for May.

Picnic – This is scheduled for Thursday, 4/14/16, at Desert Breeze Park. We will be picking our menu from Sharko's in the near future.

New Business

Future Out-to-Lunch – Sissy will check out Barrio Queen in Gilbert for possibly 5/13/16 and if it is appropriate Peggy Strauss volunteered to be in charge. Mary Kay will be in charge of our June brunch on 6/10/16. We all agreed on going to Mimi's again for this as it worked so well last year.

Future Events – Peggy Strauss reported that the Coca Cola bottling plant is not doing tours at the present time. Helen told us about a tour she had taken of the Chandler Railroad Museum which also included lunch in a dining car at a total cost of \$13.00. This is a possibility for our October event. Sissy will be looking into a tour of the United Food Bank Collection Center for November. We are also looking into Saguaro Ranch Park in Glendale (Mary Kay and Marie) and Peggy Schulz will look into visiting Turf Paradise for horse racing. Suggestions were given as to a possible SRP tour and tour of the Eisendrath House, and also a tour of the central Salvation Army Warehouse. These would be for some time next fall/winter.

Open House – We had a number of people visit our table and sign up for events. The display was excellent and the slide show presentation worked well.

New Member Coffee – This will be on Wednesday, 2/10/16. We will try to put out sheets listing our activities on each table and also have the power point presentation if possible or the slide show.

Open Discussion

We are concerned regarding where we will be having our meetings after March since rooms at the Downtown Center will no longer be available. Presumably this will be resolved by next month.

Our meeting was then adjourned.

Next Meeting – March 7, 2016, Downtown Campus, Room 203, 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Strauss