

Social Committee Minutes

March 7, 2016

Members in attendance: Lois Schaffer, Peggy Schulz, Peggy Strauss, Mary Kay Owen, Judy Wakefield, Sissy Riley, Helen Jones, Janice Overdorff, Lorrie Washburn

Members absent: Roland Tanner, Marie-France Ganansia, Helen Dodds

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. Peggy Strauss reported that she had received an email from Lynda Higgins saying that she could no longer be a member of the committee.

Old Business

Out to Lunch – Helen Jones reported that the 2/12/16 lunch at the Four Peaks Brewery in Tempe was attended by 31 people and enjoyed immensely. Parking turned out not to be a problem. The manager gave a talk about the history of the brewery and also mentioned that there was a distillery nearby which we could tour at some time. We will look into this in the future. Lorrie is in charge of our 3/11/16 lunch at Vinci Torio's Restaurant. Only the lunch buffet for \$11.50 will be available and Lois has already posted a reminder. We were thinking of going to Barrio Queen on 5/13/16 but Sissy reported that no one would answer her calls so we have changed that lunch to Nando Mexican restaurant at Val Vista and Baseline. They have good food and large portions and even have a patio where we can sit. Sissy will be in charge.

Events – The Heard Museum tour on 2/18/16 had 26 people attend and went very well. On 3/17/16 we will be visiting the Amazon.com warehouse. This tour is full with 30 people, with a waiting list. Lois has sent in their names to Amazon. Lois has sent out to all those who will attend a list of instructions from Amazon as to what to wear and what not to wear. The tour is scheduled for 1:00 PM but they would like to have us there 15 minutes before. Lois will send out instructions how to get there and where to park and also information as to carpooling, with an aim to get there by 12:40 PM.

New Business

New Member Coffee – This was well attended and social information was given to attendees.

All Member Meeting – Peggy Strauss gave a talk regarding past and future events, with a power point presentation backing her up. This was well received.

Future Out-to-Lunch – Mary Kay will be in charge of our June brunch on 6/10/16 at Mimi's.

Future Events – We are looking into going miniature golfing on 4/21/16 (Mary Kay). We will possibly go bowling in May or July (Lois). In June we hope to visit the MCC Planetarium (Janice). Peggy Schulz reported on visiting Turf Paradise but a tour would cost \$150. However, if we had over 10 people coming we could get a senior rate for \$24.00 each which would include admission, food, and a race named after us. This is only available on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, October to May. Peggy will see if this can be scheduled in early May instead of bowling, which we could switch to July. Helen Jones asked for a possible date for the Chandler Railroad Museum tour and we chose 10/26/16 or 10/27/16.

The cost would be \$13.00 which would also include lunch in the dining car. Sissy will be looking into a tour of the United Food Bank Collection Center on 11/16/16. Future possible events include Saguaro Ranch Park in Glendale (Mary Kay and Marie) and a tour of SRP and the Eisendrath House. Sissy also brought up a tour of a tortilla factory and also a CAP (Central Arizona Project) tour where we could see the canals. These would obviously be on hold for some time next fall/winter.

Picnic – This is scheduled for Thursday, 4/14/16, at Desert Breeze Park. The charge will be \$11.00 for members and \$14.00 for nonmembers. The menu from Sharko's will include fried chicken and pulled barbecue pork with sides of baked beans, coleslaw, and potato salad. Rolls and butter are included. Peggy Strauss will go to Costco and check out the desserts – three kinds of cookies, mini lemon bites, and brownie bites. We also will provide lemonade and water. Jobs were assigned as follows: Check-in table – Helen Jones, Judy, Sissy, and Peggy Schulz; book/puzzle exchange - Mary Kay will bring those items not taken to the MAAC; desserts – Peggy Strauss; bingo – Lorrie (Lois will bring quarters for change); ticket taker at buffet line - Helen Dodds or Peggy Strauss. Mary Kay, Sissy, and Janice will bring tables, Mary Kay will bring games, Lois and Mary Kay will bring water, lemonade, and ice. The deadline is 4/7/16 and checks need to be made out to MCC and mailed to Lois. Lois will be sending out a reminder and a notice is also in the newsletter. Rather than our supplying items for the raffle we will be asking attendees to bring “white elephants” in a brown paper bag to be used in the raffle.

Open Discussion

We still don't know where we will be meeting next month and hopefully that information will be available by the time these minutes are sent out.

Our meeting was then adjourned.

Next Meeting – April 4, 2016 at ??? (Lois will let us know where)

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Strauss