

Social Committee Minutes
May 1, 2017

Members in attendance: Peggy Schulz, Peggy Strauss, Janice Overdorff, Sissy Riley, Mary Kay Owen, Helen Jones, Lois Schaffer, Ann Redwine

Members absent: Marie-France Ganansia, Roland Tanner, Judy Wakefield, Helen Dodds, Lorrie Washburn

The meeting was called to order. Reading of the minutes was not done because all members received them via email. Peggy Strauss brought to our attention a correction for the minutes regarding the time people would be meeting at the Dolly Steamboat which should have been 11:30 rather than 12:00. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected.

Old Business

Picnic – 69 people attended the picnic and all were pleased with the service. Some people reported the chicken in the last batch was not entirely cooked through and some wanted more white meat. Aside from this all enjoyed the food. Next year we will only cut up two watermelons as we had a lot left over and we also will buy less brownies and lemon bites for this number of people. We will try to make the directions clearer to the parking area since some people parked quite far away. We discussed the possibility of changing the venue but Desert Breeze Park has such good accommodations for us that we decided to stay where we are for next year.

Events –Mary Kay reported that 40 people attended the Dolly Steamboat trip and it was enjoyed by all. The weather was perfect.

New Business

Future Out-to-Lunch –Sissy is in charge of lunch on 5/12/17 at BJ's on Superstition Springs Blvd. in Mesa. Four people have already made reservations. Lois will send out a reminder on Friday, 5/5. Roland is in charge of our brunch at The Broken Yolk at Gilbert and Southern at 9:30 AM on 6/9/17. Peggy Schulz has booked Midwestern Meats for 7/14/17. On 8/11/17 we will go to Old Chicago (Sissy). Peggy Strauss brought up the possibility of having an early dinner event (5:00 PM) for 9/8/17 at the Oak Room Kitchen and Bar in Mesa, which Isabelle Main has recommended highly. This will be checked out.

Future Events –Janice let us know she is completely booked for Scottsdale's Museum of the West scheduled on 5/16/17. She sent out a notice to the people going regarding parking and also restaurants available in the area for those who are interested in having lunch afterwards. Janice has been unable so far to get any more information regarding a tour of the Arizona Heritage Center and Sandra Day O'Connor house at Papago Park for 6/19/17 or 6/23/17. We need more information about this very quickly so as to notify the members. Peggy Strauss reported that the admission price at the Musical Instruments Museum is \$20 which includes headsets and a tour. The tour takes over one hour and they can accommodate any number of people. Ann Redwine will call them about availability during the last week in August. We are awaiting Roland's report on visiting a brewery in September, Helen Dodds' report on going to the Olive Mill in October, and Lorrie's report on visiting the Eddie Basha Art Collection for possibly 11/15/17. Some new venues were brought up including the True Garden Urban Farm, the Red Mountain MCC campus, and the EVIT campus. We were very impressed by the latter when attending the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon there recently.

Event Calendar – Mary Kay will keep this up to date.

Holiday Party – Peggy Schulz let us know that Joe is no longer at the Windemere. We are still considering other venues but we do need to have a place that will do decorations and also give us several

choices for dinner, plus stick to our budget. Peggy will be calling Igor Glenn who was our entertainment several years ago and who was a big success. Hopefully he is available.

Possible New Members – Peggy Strauss mentioned that Isabelle Main has shown some interest in joining our committee and has also recommended a number of places for our out-to-lunch and other events. She will be away during the summer and we will contact her in the fall to invite her to a meeting. Peggy also mentioned Karen Wartick had shown an interest in joining our committee in the past but due to medical reasons could not do so. However, she is now available and Peggy will invite her to our next meeting.

Open Discussion

Sissy brought up a newspaper article regarding the fact that numerous college students cannot afford food and go hungry, and that Mesa has a student food pantry available. We discussed the possibility of that being the charity to which we donate food and money at our Holiday Party. Sissy will get more information about it regarding food needed and do they accept gifts of money.

We discussed risk forms and how hard it is for us to find who needs one for our different events. Peggy Schulz will bring up at Council the suggestion that at registration time all members sign risk forms, thus negating the need for sign-ups at individual events.

Our meeting was then adjourned.

Next Meeting – June 5, 2017, 9:30 AM, Mesa Public Library at 64 E 1st St in the Boardroom on the second floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Strauss (Secretary)