

Social Committee Minutes
September 4, 2017

Members in attendance: Peggy Schulz, Peggy Strauss, Sissy Riley, Lois Schaffer, Lorrie Washburn, Karen Wartick, Linda Ems, Helen Dodds, Roland Tanner

Members absent: Marie-France Ganansia, Judy Wakefield, Mary Kay Owen, Ann Redwine, Janice Overdorff, Helen Jones, Ruth Brooks

The meeting was called to order. Reading of the minutes was not done because all members received them via email, however Peggy Strauss made a correction deleting the "e" in Ann's name under Future Events. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected.

Old Business

Out-to-Lunch – 25 people attended lunch at Old Chicago on 8/11/17 and there were many favorable comments. However, Sissy mentioned that when she arrived at the restaurant she was told that if the food purchases were under \$250 there would be a charge for the room. This was not mentioned to her previously and she was concerned because two people did not show up, but the required monetary total was reached. We have noted that lately we do have no-shows for the lunches and we have asked Roland to add to the lunch reminders that we would appreciate hearing from anyone who has to make a last minute cancellation. We will also make sure to ask the restaurants when booked about any extra charges.

Events – 24 people attended the Musical Instruments Museum on 8/29/17 and this was a great success. Comments were very positive about the guides and also the restaurant.

New Business

Future Out-to-Lunch – We will be going to Nando's on 9/8/17 (Karen) and this is scheduled for 5:00 PM. Karen said she already has 12 people signed up. The Oak Room is scheduled for 10/13/17 (Peggy Schulz). Peggy Strauss recommended Rigatony's for 11/10/17 and she will book this. Peggy Schulz suggested again trying Midwestern Meats for possibly 1/12/18.

Future Events – The tour of the Eddie Basha Art Collection is scheduled for 9/25/17 at 10:00 AM (Lorrie). They sent us a number of brochures and we will have these available at Open House. The tour of the Olive Mill is scheduled for 10/26/17 at 11:30 AM (Helen Dodds). The cost for the tour is \$7 (this does not include lunch) and payment needs to be sent to Helen by 10/19/17. Since Janice was not present we do not know anything further about our tour at the Arizona Heritage Center and Sandra Day O'Connor house at Papago Park which has been booked for 11/29/17 at 1:00 PM. We will discuss this further next month. We will also be getting further information about the Windmill Winery in Florence which on Thursdays also has food trucks and entertainment. Peggy Strauss will contact EVIT in October/November about a tour of the EVIT campus sometime next year. Linda reported she has been having little success in speaking to the person in charge of a tour of the Amazon.com warehouse. We had this problem last time and she will just keep trying for a date in 2018. Roland will be checking on brewery tours. Peggy Schulz reminded us that at our next meeting we need to start discussing more activities for January-June 2018.

Holiday Party – We still have not heard from Pat Esparza regarding getting bids from two other venues. We have done our part and will be awaiting further word from MCC. We are rather anxious because the Windemere needs a deposit to hold the date. Roland has contact with Pat and will check with her as to what is happening. Lois reported we have enough tubes to use for the party favors and Peggy Schulz showed us quite a bit of gift wrapping paper that she has which we can use. We again voted that

we will be collecting food donations for the MCC food pantry and will delineate in our flyer what types of food are desirable. Sissy will confirm with them that they can pick up the donations by 2:30 that afternoon. We will be donating any money we collect to United Food Bank. We talked about doing a survey at the Holiday Party asking our attendees whether they would be interested in going to a buffet for an out-to-lunch activity and also asking for suggestions regarding restaurants and events. Roland suggested that as an incentive for people to fill out the survey we will give a prize to one filled-out form. We all thought this was a good idea.

Open House – Peggy Schulz will man our booth at Open House. Lois will bring a screen to show our slide presentation.

Open Discussion

Peggy Schulz mentioned that she noted some entries in the social column of our website which have nothing to do with our committee. Also she has noted that Allan Zisner has not cleared off our events once they are over. Roland volunteered to speak with Allan about these two issues.

Our meeting was then adjourned.

Next Meeting – Monday, October 2, 2017, 9:30 AM, Mesa Public Library at 64 E. 1st St in the Boardroom on the second floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Strauss (Secretary)