

**Social Committee Minutes**  
**January 2, 2018**

Members in attendance: Peggy Strauss, Linda Ems, Mary Kay Owen, Janice Overdorff, Roland Tanner, Karen Wartick

Members absent: Judy Wakefield, Ann Redwine, Lorrie Washburn, Peggy Schulz, Sissy Riley, Helen Jones, Marie-France Ganansia, Lois Schaffer, Helen Dodds, Ruth Brooks

The meeting was called to order by Mary Kay acting as temporary chair. 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**

*Holiday Party* –We had 108 reservations (which is exactly the same as the last two years) with four people not showing up. The results of the survey handed in by attendees were not available and so we will hopefully discuss this at our next meeting. We went around the table and each person was asked their opinion regarding the food, entertainment, and what we might change for next year. On a rating scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being best, the consensus for the food was about a 7 and for entertainment about a 7 to 8. We all felt that Igor went too long and some felt we did need some more holiday tunes. As to changes, Mary Kay brought up that the table where the entertainment sits should be served first so that perhaps it could start while we were having dessert. The majority felt that the questions given as an ice-breaker should perhaps be only one or two so that everyone could discuss them. Linda noted that in the future whoever is in charge of the quilt raffle needed to be provided with some change – singles and five dollar bills. We also felt that we could do without giving out the poinsettias. It was also brought up that maybe we should do without entertainment. We did collect \$411 for the United Food Bank. Also Mary Kay had sent us a very nice thank you letter from the MCC Food Pantry. She said that when she delivered the food they were flabbergasted as to how much we had donated. Half of these donations will be going to the Red Mountain Campus. It was brought up that maybe we can do this again at the time of the Picnic. Since we did not have very many members attending this meeting we will table more discussion to our next meeting.

**New Business**

*Future Out-to-Lunch* –We have scheduled Midwestern Meats for 1/12/18 with Karen in charge. All contact information for her is correct and a reminder will go out next weekend. Regarding our 2/9/18 lunch, Mary Kay said that the Texas Roadhouse would not work and so we will be going to the Longhorn Steakhouse. Peggy Strauss recommended two restaurants – for 3/9/18 the Seafood Market (Karen volunteered to check this out) and for 5/11/18 Chase’s Diner in Chandler (Peggy has been there and they can accommodate us and she will be in charge). Obviously in April we will have the picnic which we will need to start planning for at the time of our next meeting.

*Future Events* –The tour of the EVIT campus is scheduled for 1/25/18 and the flyer will go out 1/3/18, with a cut-off date of 1/22/18. Janice reported that the Historic Architectural tours would cost quite a bit so that has been crossed off. We still don’t know the status of touring Tovrea Castle but it will be in 2019. Linda suggested a tour of Intel which would be limited to 20 people and she will look further into it, possibly for February or March. Roland brought up a tour of the Phoenix Indian Medical Center which he will try to book for either February or March. Other suggestions brought up were the Irish

Cultural Center, the Capitol Building, and the Arizona Science Center, which has an excellent exhibit of Pompeii into May. All of these seem good possibilities.

*Open House* - This will take place on 1/12/18, unfortunately on the same day as our out-to-lunch. It does start at 1:00 PM so hopefully people at the lunch can make it to Red Mountain Campus. Linda volunteered to man the table, with possibly Lois' help. Mary Kay has a new set-up to show rotating pictures of our events. We will have a listing of our future out-to-lunches but no sign-up since that's too far in the future and people will forget. She will, however, have a sign-up sheet for the EVIT tour and Peggy asked her to make sure people give their email addresses/phone numbers so that they can get a confirmation.

### **Open Discussion**

We have been having a low turnout at our meetings lately and would like to know in the future if missing members are still interested or if there is a problem with attending (such as illness, vacation, etc.)

Our meeting was then adjourned.

**Next Meeting** – Monday, February 5, 2018, 9:30 AM, Mesa Public Library at 64 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St in the Boardroom on the second floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Strauss (Secretary)