

Social Committee Minutes
February 5, 2018

Members in attendance: Peggy Schulz, Peggy Strauss, Linda Ems, Mary Kay Owen, Judy Wakefield, Sissy Riley, Lois Schaffer, Helen Dodds, Ruth Brooks

Members absent: Ann Redwine, Lorrie Washburn, Helen Jones, Marie-France Ganansia, Roland Tanner, Karen Wartick

The meeting was called to order by Peggy Schulz. We welcomed her back. 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 Schulz let us know that Janice has retired from the committee and Karen will be taking a sabbatical until the end of the term. We will miss them.

Old Business

Out to Lunch – 20 people attended at Midwestern Meats. We felt attendance was a little lower than normal due to the fact that Open House was scheduled that afternoon. Many people at lunch had to rush in order to get to Open House but the food was enjoyed.

Events – Peggy Strauss reported on the tour at EVIT. We had a large turn-out of 38 people and the tour was excellent. Our guide, James Martinez, was great and kept us going for over two hours. Word of mouth may get more people interested if we schedule another tour next year. After the tour a number of people went for lunch at Bistro 13 which is run by EVIT.

New Business

Future Out-to-Lunch – Mary Kay will be in charge of our 2/9/18 lunch at Longhorn Steakhouse. Helen Jones will be in charge of our 3/9/18 lunch at the Seafood Market. April is picnic time and on 5/11/18 we will be going to Chase's Diner in Chandler with Peggy Strauss in charge. In June we will have our brunch at the Henhouse Café which is at Riverview. Peggy Schulz will be in charge and she told us we will have a private room for this.

Future Events – Linda reported that she spoke to the people at Intel and they can only accommodate 15 people on a tour. This is tentatively scheduled for 3/15/18.* She will see if we can schedule another tour at another time if we have the interest in it. Peggy Schulz said she had not heard from Roland regarding the tour of the Phoenix Indian Medical Center for February or March. At the moment we do not have an event scheduled for February. Helen Jones had told Peggy Schulz that regarding a tour of Tovrea Castle the fee needs to be paid at the time of the reservation – which could be a year ahead. We decided against this. Sissy will check on the Arizona Science Center for May before the exhibit on Pompeii closes. Ruth will look into a tour of the Capitol Building in June and it was suggested she get in touch with Archie Millhouse who has been a docent there. From feedback from two members we decided the Irish Cultural Center would not be a good venue for us as there is not much to see.

Picnic – This is scheduled for 4/12/18. Lois has agreed to receive the reservation checks. We are keeping the cost the same as last year - \$12 for members and \$15 for guests. It again will be at Desert Breeze Park. The flyer will go out 3/12/18, a reminder will go out 3/29/18, and the deadline for reservations will be 4/5/18.** The menu will be fried chicken, Italian sausage with peppers and onions, potato salad, cucumber and tomato salad, baked beans, and rolls. We will provide two cut-up watermelons (Sissy and Linda), water and lemonade (Lois), ice (Mary Kay), and cookies and lemon bars and brownies (Peggy Strauss). Lois brought up the fact that there is no more petty cash fund and any

purchases need to be paid for by an escort from MCC with a p-card. Therefore we are not sure from which Costco we can get the cookies, etc. and so we may have a different volunteer in charge of that depending on the location agreeable to the escort. Also we will need an escort to accompany Lois when she picks up the water. We all agreed this is very awkward for us. We voted that we will not collect food for the MCC Pantry at the picnic since we are asking people to bring books and puzzles to exchange and items for the white elephant raffle. The food collection will remain for the Holiday Party.

Survey from Holiday Party – Lois presented a list of suggestions made by our members at the Holiday Party regarding possible venues for us in the future. Since it was so extensive we asked that it be put into different categories and Ruth volunteered to do this for us. At the next meeting hopefully we can find some new venues and possibly some repeats. Sissy made a motion which was carried that we do not repeat a venue within a year.

Open Discussion

Lois let us know that Council wants us to check out other venues for the Holiday Party. Peggy Schulz will explain to them at the meeting next week that MCC has gotten other bids each year and they all have been way more expensive than the Windemere.

We discussed the need for new members. Peggy Strauss said she would contact Lorrie to see if she is still interested in being a member, and also brought up that Helen Jones had drafted a recruitment letter to the membership last year but this had never been approved to go out. We will ask Helen to send this to our members for their feedback and then send a revised copy to Roland to go out to the general membership.

Our meeting was then adjourned.

Next Meeting – Monday, March 5, 2018, 9:30 AM, Mesa Public Library at 64 E. 1st St in the Boardroom on the second floor.

*A few hours after the meeting Linda let Peggy Schulz know that the Intel tour was cancelled by them so we do not have an event for March.

**After the meeting the caterer informed Peggy Schulz that they needed a count for the picnic by 3/31/18 so dates will be changed as follows: Flyer goes out 3/7/18, reminder goes out 3/21/18, and deadline for payment is now 3/30/18.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Strauss (Secretary)