

Social Committee Minutes
April 2, 2018

Members in attendance: Peggy Schulz, Peggy Strauss, Mary Kay Owen, Sissy Riley, Helen Dodds, Ruth Brooks, Helen Jones, Judy Wakefield, Lois Shaffer, Greg Beatty

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

The meeting was called to order by Peggy Schulz. Reading of the minutes was not done because all members received them via email. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. We were pleased to welcome Greg Beatty as a new member. He told us a little about himself and we all introduced ourselves.

Old Business

Out to Lunch – Helen told us 22 people attended lunch at the Seafood Market on 3/9/18 and all enjoyed their meals. We were happy to see some new members attend.

Events – Ruth reported 14 people attended the tour of the State Capitol on 3/29/18 and all exclaimed how interesting and informative it was, especially being able to see the State Senate in session and voting on bills.

New Business

Future Out-to-Lunch – On 5/11/18 we will be going to Chase's Diner in Chandler with Peggy Strauss in charge, and that reminder will go out on 5/5/18. . On 6/8/18 we will have our brunch at the Henhouse Café at Riverview at 9:30 AM (Peggy Schulz in charge), with the reminder going out on 6/2/18.

Future Events – Mary Kay is in charge of our tour of the Arizona Museum of Natural History which we will visit on 4/25/18 at 1:00 PM, with the flyer going out on 4/3/18. We need to have a count by 4/23/18. The cost is \$9 and will be paid at the time of the tour. On 5/23/18 we will be going to the Arizona Science Center (Sissy) for a tour starting at 9:30 AM, including the exhibit on Pompeii. The general admission is \$7, the Pompeii exhibit cost is \$6, and the optional audio guide (which is highly recommended) costs \$5. We will be paying at the time of the tour. There is a café on site and they said they will provide reserved tables at 12:30 PM for anyone who is interested in lunching there. We need to find out if we can eat at an outside restaurant and then re-enter the Center. The Science Center is easily accessible by light rail but with a slight walk from the station. The Center provides validated parking at \$8 for four hours at the nearby parking structure.

Regarding future events, we have nothing scheduled past May so we are seeking venues. Helen Jones had checked on the Biltmore Hotel but for any group over six people they charge \$250 (their charge for six or under is \$10 per person). If we can get 25 attendees then that would cover the \$250 fee but Helen will find out if we can cancel if we don't have enough people and also if the money needs to be paid in advance. Peggy Schulz will find out about touring the Mesa Courthouse. Mary Kay again brought up the tour of Gammage which takes place on Mondays at 1:00PM; this is a 45-minute tour. However, there are no elevators and there may be a parking fee. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

Picnic – The deadline for payment was 3/30/18 and Lois reported she had received 54 reservations, which is down from prior years. The Committee needs to be at the park by 10:30 AM. Jobs are as follows:

Collection of reservations and money; check who needs risk form signed - Lois

Sign-in table and risk forms– Sissy, Judy, Ruth

Collection of lunch tickets – Helen Dodds
Watermelon – Sissy, Helen Dodds
Table and chairs – Sissy, Mary Kay
Extra card table - Ruth
Various supplies - Sissy
Water – Lois
Paper bags for raffle – Lois
Park reservation form - Lois
Ice – Mary Kay
Left-over books to MAAC – Mary Kay
Bingo – Judy
Cookies and other desserts, lemonade, paper goods – Peggy Strauss
Ruth and Tom Belsan have again graciously offered to loan us their microphone.

Volunteer Luncheon – This will take place on 4/26/18 and Peggy Schulz has given in our names.

Holiday Party – Peggy Schulz told us she had heard that some organizations have not been happy with their events at the Windemere this year, and asked us all to look into other possible venues for the party. She will check out EVIT and the Arizona Golf Resort. We do need three venues to present to MCC and the Windemere has always been the least expensive at \$33 per person.

Open Discussion

Regarding our flyers, Ruth has been doing an excellent job in getting them out to the membership. Sissy brought up the matter of who needs to design these flyers – the person who is in charge of the event or Ruth? Ruth explained she would do them if people did not feel capable of doing so, but we assured her she did not need to include a link or a map. Also, Mary Kay told us she has been asked to enter events into the website general calendar for all events, not just for the Social Committee's. She told us she is not comfortable doing this and we told her she is only responsible for listing our events.

Our meeting was then adjourned.

Next Meeting – Monday, May 7, 2018, 9:30 AM, Mesa Public Library at 64 E. 1st St in the Boardroom on the second floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Strauss (Secretary)