

Social Committee Minutes
May 7, 2018

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

Members absent: Lorrie Washburn, Marie-France Ganansia, Karen Wartick, Linda Ems, Helen Jones, Lois Shaffer

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. Peggy Schulz informed us that Ann Redwine has resigned her membership due to her living now mainly in Colorado. Also, Linda let us know she could not make the next few meetings.

Old Business

Picnic – We had 69 people sign up. We had many positive comments about the food, especially the brats. In spite of the windy conditions it seemed like everyone enjoyed themselves. Although we had to share the area there was not really any inconvenience and the group from Verizon gave us a great idea for a group picture, which will hopefully show up in the Newsletter. Our main problems consisted of having too many books and puzzles. In fact when Mary Kay brought the overload to the MAAC they were not able to accept that many and she had to take them to Goodwill. Next year we will limit the contributions to three books and no puzzles. Also unfortunately we have misplaced our bingo paraphernalia and several members were disappointed they could not play. Sissy very generously took home the extra supplies and categorized them in a list so that in the future we will know what we already have available.

Events – Mary Kay reported that 25 members attended the tour of the Arizona Museum of Natural History. Everyone was astounded at how big the museum is and the varied contents. The dinosaurs were a big hit.

Holiday Party – We are still looking for another venue. Greg had gotten some information from the Sun Lakes Country Club but unfortunately we felt that was too far to go. Peggy Strauss had contacted the Sheraton Inn at Riverview and is waiting to hear back from them. Peggy Schulz is still waiting to hear more from the chef at EVIT. The food there is excellent but they do not decorate the room or provide centerpieces. Peggy Schulz will also look further into the Arizona Golf Resort and the Painted Mountain Resort. In addition we need to look for entertainment.

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. That reminder has gone out and she has had 8 responses so far. 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. We are tentatively scheduling these future lunches: 7/13/18 – Mekong Palace in Mesa (Peggy Strauss), 8/10/18 – Black Bear Diner in Mesa (Ruth) at 5:30 PM; 9/14/18 – Joe's Real BBQ in Chandler (Helen Dodds); 10/12/18 – Flancers in Mesa on Higley (Roland); 11/9/18 Serrano's in Chandler (Sissy). That should take us through the New Year. We do have a problem thinking of places in eastern Mesa and need suggestions from members who live there.

Future Events – 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 flyer on this has gone out and many members have already signed up. 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. Sissy found out that if

people wanted to take a break for lunch they could leave the museum after obtaining a sticker which would then allow them to return with no charge. Otherwise the café on site will reserve some tables for us. Sissy and a group of people will be leaving the light rail station at Mesa Drive at 8:05 AM.

We have no future events scheduled past May and are seeking venues. One problem is the heat – obviously wherever we go needs to be well air-conditioned. We are still looking into touring the Mesa Courthouse and also tour of Gammage which takes place on Mondays at 1:00PM, however there are no elevators. Greg volunteered to check into a tour of the Phoenix Public Transit Offices and also possibly seeing a play at the Hale Theater (although this latter may involve collecting money in advance). We had included in our by-laws on 6/1/15 that we would plan one activity per month but this is hard to do in the summer. Regarding possible events for the fall/winter Peggy Strauss will look into touring the EVIT campus on Power since the past tour of the other EVIT campus was such a success. Sissy will check on touring the St. Vincent de Paul's headquarters, Greg will check on Taleisin, and Peggy Schulz will see about returning to the Turf Paradise Racetrack next year, also a very popular event. For those members not at the meeting, please think about some suggestions for venues during the summer.

Open Discussion

We all agreed WE WILL NOT BE MEETING IN JULY.

Our meeting was then adjourned.

Next Meeting – Monday, June 4, 2018, 9:30 AM, Mesa Public Library at 64 E. 1st St in the Boardroom on the second floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Strauss (Secretary)