

Social Committee Minutes
November 6, 2017

Members in attendance: Peggy Strauss, Sissy Riley, Lois Schaffer, Karen Wartick, Linda Ems, Helen Dodds, Marie-France Ganansia, Mary Kay Owen, Janice Overdorff, Helen Jones, Ruth Brooks
Members absent: Judy Wakefield, Ann Redwine, Lorrie Washburn, Roland Tanner, Peggy Schulz

The meeting was called to order by Lois due to absence of the 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. Marie mentioned she had not gotten a copy of the last minutes due to an email address change and Peggy said she would correct the address for future emails.

Old Business

Out-to-Lunch – 23 people attended lunch at The Oak Room on 10/13/17. However, Peggy noted that she had expected at least five more people who did not show. It turned out these people had signed up at Open House and had forgotten about it. In the future if we have a sign-up sheet at an event we will ask for the member's contact information so that the person in charge can remind them.

Events – Helen Dodds reported 24 people attended. However, we were very disappointed in the tour since it was not really a tour but just a slide presentation. We did not have a chance to see the equipment used or watch the process being carried out, which is why we took the "tour" in the first place. Helen will be calling them to express our disappointment.

New Member Coffee – Mary Kay represented us at the coffee.

Annual Meeting – This took place on 10/3/17 and Peggy Schulz spoke about our upcoming events and let the members know she would be taking time-off due to medical issues.

New Business

Future Out-to-Lunch – Rigatony's is scheduled for 11/10/17. Peggy noted she had 15 people signed up so far. The reminder went out last Friday. We have scheduled Midwestern Meats for 1/12/18 and Karen volunteered to be in charge of this. We do not have any other lunches planned as of now and in December we will need to suggest some other restaurants for the future.

Future Events – The tour of the Sandra Day O'Connor house at Papago Park has been booked for 11/29/17 at 1:00 PM (Janice). It is limited to 30 people and Janice let us know she has 26 already signed up. If she gets more than the 30 after the reminder is sent out she will start a waiting list. The Historical Museum, which is optional, will be having an exhibit on Frank Lloyd Wright. Janice reported that the Windmill Winery in Florence does not seem feasible for us as the tour is self-guided on Tuesdays and the other attractions (food trucks and entertainment) are on Thursdays. We have therefore shelved this event. Peggy Strauss has contacted EVIT regarding tours of the campus and they can take up to 40 people. We would be touring the cosmetology, culinary, health sciences, and a few industrial trades school departments. Peggy will contact EVIT and try to schedule for Tuesday, 1/23/18, or Thursday, 1/25/18, at 10:00 AM. She will also check on where we can park that is closer to the buildings we tour. Linda is still trying to arrange a tour of the Amazon.com warehouse, probably for 2019. Helen Jones is attempting to book a tour of Tovrea Castle for 2019. Since the tours are limited to 25 people she will try to book two different dates. There is a charge which will be needed in advance. We need some more ideas for events for February onward. Linda brought in a brochure from the Chandler Adult Center and we will all check that for new ideas and discuss it at our next meeting.

Holiday Party –Karen brought in a sample survey for suggestions from members as to future events and restaurants. We will give these to members as they register and then we will pick them up at the tables. She will make the font larger and Lois will be able to do the copying. We have shelved the idea of giving out an incentive prize. Helen Jones is making up eight questions relating to the holidays to be placed one at each place setting, which can be discussed around the table. The flyer for the party will go out on 11/13/17 and will include what donations are needed by the MCC Food Pantry. We will need boxes for these food items. Money will need to be received by 12/1/17 with checks made out to MCC and mailed to Lois. The cost has not changed from last year - \$20 for members and \$30 for guests. Lois still has place cards from last year. We will again give out poinsettias, one to a table. We will be making up the party favors after our meeting today. We have asked Janice to pick the three winning tickets for the quilt raffle. Jobs have been assigned as follows:

Reservations: Lois

Place cards: Lois, Janice, Mary Kay

Survey: Karen

Discussion questions: Helen Jones

Registration: Judy, Karen, Ruth

Poinsettia pick-up: Mary Kay, Lois

Drop off food donated to Food Pantry: Lois, Mary Kay

Drop off cash/checks donated to United Food Bank: Mary Kay

Quilt raffle tickets: Linda, Sissy

Receiving food donations for the Food Pantry/cash donations to UFB: Marie

Master of ceremony: Lois, Helen Dodds

We need to be at the Windemere by 10:30 AM. All those not specifically assigned a job will of course help out with table set-up, etc.

Open Discussion

Ruth volunteered that she can help out with sending out email reminders. Sissy again brought up the matter of too many people talking at once during our meetings so that it is very hard to hear what is being decided. Also sometimes discussions just go on and on. We may put a time limit on discussions to remedy this.

Our meeting was then adjourned in order to work on the party favors.

Next Meeting – Monday, December 4, 2017, 9:30 AM, Mesa Public Library at 64 E. 1st St in the Boardroom on the second floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Strauss (Secretary)