

Social Committee Minutes
January 7, 2019

Members in attendance: Peggy Schulz, Peggy Strauss, Helen Dodds, Joan Hancock, Linda Ems, Sissy Riley, Judy Wakefield, Marie—France Ganansia. Mary Kay Owen, Margaret Beikman

Members absent: Lorrie Washburn, Lois Shaffer, Roland Tanner

The meeting was called to order by Peggy Schulz. Margaret Beikman introduced herself and told us a little about herself. We introduced ourselves and welcomed her as a new member. 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 asked if someone could attend next week's Council meeting in her place and Helen graciously volunteered.

Old Business

Out-to-Lunch – We had no out-to-lunch in December since we held our Holiday Party.

Events – No new event was held in December.

Holiday Party – Peggy Schulz commented that we had numerous favorable reports on the party. People really enjoyed themselves and complimented the food and service. We had a record turnout of 126 people. The only thing we might change next year is the potatoes which were too hard, and we will try to have a dish without bacon. \$585 was collected for the quilt raffle to go to the United Food Bank. An enormous amount of food, etc. was donated for the MCC Market Place and they sent us a very grateful letter. Our members outdid themselves in their donations, and Richard Riley and Roland did a fabulous job of displaying them. The wreaths made by Joan were a big hit and everyone commented how beautiful they were. All in all it was a very successful Holiday Party.

New Business

Future Out-to-Lunch – On 1/11/19 we will be going to the Olive Garden at Fiesta Mall with Mary Kay in charge. A flyer went out on 1/5/19. Fourteen people have already signed up. On 2/8/19 we will be going to the Golden Gate Chinese Restaurant on Baseline with Peggy Strauss in charge. Since the restaurant does not open until 11:30 we will note on the flyer which will go out on 2/1/19 that people should not come earlier. Peggy will also note that on her acceptance of registrations. On 3/8/19 we will be going to Romeo's in Gilbert (Sissy), with the flyer going out on 3/1/19. We have no restaurants scheduled for the future and we need suggestions for May, June, and July. In April we have the picnic.

Future Events – On 1/16/19 Sissy has scheduled a tour of the St. Vincent de Paul headquarters. A flyer went out on 1/2/19, with a cut-off date of 1/13/19. Sissy has sent out a map to all those registered and Linda Ems has volunteered to organize a carpool for anyone who wants to do so, which will meet at the MCC campus parking lot. Sissy reminded us to wear comfortable shoes. We had been thinking of rescheduling the sky diving tour for February but no dates were available. Peggy Strauss reported that she finally heard from someone at Liberty Wildlife Center and we can plan that for possibly 2/20/19. They only do public tours on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. Since Peggy is doing the out-to-lunch in February, Helen volunteered to take over. Peggy will send her all the information. On 3/15/19 we will be doing a tour of the Phoenix Airport Terminal 4 with Linda in charge. A guide will meet us at the 44th St. light rail station at 10:0 AM. Peggy Strauss will contact the Mesa Arts Center regarding a tour of the facility in May. We had last done this in 2013. Mary Kay again brought up possibly doing a tour of the new Chandler Museum in June since it is indoors. It is a self-guided tour and then possibly those interested can go out for lunch.

Picnic – This is scheduled for 4/11/19. We all agreed that Desert Breeze Park is the perfect venue for us and also agreed that Sharko's does an excellent job in providing the food. Peggy Schulz will start

making arrangements regarding this. She will check to see if Sharko's has a vegetarian dish available. We will request that people not bring puzzles since last year we had so many left over. We will also request that people only bring two or three books and not bring technical or textbooks. Last year we could not find a facility that would take those left-over books.

Open House – This will take place on 1/25/19 and will be at the Red Mountain campus. Peggy Schulz will be there to “man” our table and Mary Kay will provide the videos. We will have flyers for upcoming events for people to take home.

Open Discussion

Peggy Schulz mentioned how hard it was for Ruth Brooks (since she has so many other activities to do for New Frontiers) to be in charge of notifying the membership of our many activities and Peggy was going to ask Lois if she could do this, as she had done so in the past.

Our meeting was then adjourned.

Next Meeting – Monday, February 4, 2019, 9:30 AM, at the Mesa Public Library, 64 E. 1st St., in the Boardroom on the second floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Strauss (Secretary)