

**Social Committee Minutes**  
**February 4, 2019**

Members in attendance: Peggy Schulz, Peggy Strauss, Helen Dodds, Joan Hancock, Linda Ems, Sissy Riley, Judy Wakefield, Mary Kay Owen, Margaret Beikman, Roland Tanner

Members absent: Lorrie Washburn, Lois Shaffer, Marie-France Ganansia

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.

**Old Business**

*Out-to-Lunch* – Mary Kay reported that 26 people attended lunch at Olive Garden on 1/11 and enjoyed the food. Service was also good but unfortunately the area was kind of noisy.

*Events* – Sissy let us know that 23 people attended the tour of St. Vincent de Paul downtown headquarters on 1/16. It was an excellent presentation and we all learned a lot and were very impressed. Our guide asked Sissy for feedback and we told her how much everyone enjoyed his excellent tour. Linda did mention that she was surprised they did not have a program to help people stop smoking and Sissy will relay this suggestion to our guide.

**New Business**

*Future Out-to-Lunch* – On 2/8/19 we will be going to the Golden Gate Chinese Restaurant on Baseline with Peggy Strauss in charge. She already has about 12 reservations. On 3/8/19 we will be going to Romeo's in Gilbert (Sissy), with the flyer going out on 3/1/19. Sissy said she already has some reservations. The Picnic is in April but we do need a venue for May, and Mary Kay said she and Marie have heard of a restaurant and they will be exploring it. Peggy Schulz has made a reservation at Crackers and Company (on Country Club) for 6/14/19 for our yearly brunch, with their private room reserved. Also, during the summer we usually schedule one early dinner event.

*Future Events* – Helen has scheduled the Liberty Wildlife Center tour for 2/27/19 at 9:30 AM. A reminder will go out on 2/15/19, with a cut-off date of 2/19/19. She already has 23 reservations. The cost is \$8.00. 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 44<sup>th</sup> St. light rail station at 10:00 AM. A flyer will go out on 3/1/19 with a cut-off date of 3/10/19. Peggy Strauss will be contacting the Mesa Arts Center regarding a possible tour of the facility in May. Last month we had discussed touring the new Chandler Museum but several members felt there was not enough to see there. Peggy Schulz had some information on the Phoenix Herpetological Society and Helen will look into this for possibly the fall. The charge is \$15.00. Joan brought in some info on the Penske Car Museum and will look into this for either the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week in June (since it is air-conditioned).

*Picnic* – This is scheduled for 4/11/19 at 11:30 AM. Peggy Schulz brought in the menu from Sharko's and we chose the following: Fried chicken, barbecue pork, potato salad, pasta salad, and baked beans. Sharko does not have a vegetarian entrée but the sides are vegetarian for those who wish this. Sharko's price has not changed at \$15.75 and so our price will remain the same at \$12.00 for members and \$15.00 for nonmembers. Sissy and Helen volunteered to bring the watermelon and Peggy Schulz will get desserts from Costco. Hopefully Lois can bring water and Mary Kay can provide ice. Peggy has to check out what we have in storage from last year – probably all the paper goods are taken care of. We may need another packet of lemonade. Further jobs will be assigned at our next meeting. Peggy is meeting with Neva to reserve Desert Breeze Park and we will request getting all three pavilions so that we don't have to share with other companies. As noted previously 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.

*New Members Coffee* – This will take place on 2/22/19 at the Red Mountain campus. Peggy Schulz will represent us.

### **Open Discussion**

Peggy Schulz had spoken to Lois and she will now be sending out our notices to the membership. We really appreciated Ruth Brooks doing this for us in the past. Also, we noted a distinct interest by new members in our activities. The flyers at Open House drew a lot of attention.

Our meeting was then adjourned.

**Next Meeting** – Monday, March 4, 2019, 9:30 AM, at the Mesa Public Library, 64 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St., in the Boardroom on the second floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Strauss (Secretary)