

Social Committee Minutes
April 1, 2019

Members in attendance: Peggy Strauss, Helen Dodds, Joan Hancock, Mary Kay Owen, Margaret Beikman, Linda Ems

Members absent: Lorrie Washburn, Lois Shaffer, Judy Wakefield, Roland Tanner, Peggy Schulz, Sissy Riley, Marie-France Ganansia, Penny Searing

The meeting was called to order by Mary Kay Owen who was sitting in as acting chairperson. We welcomed Allan Zisner who was sitting in on our meeting. 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 – 24 people attended lunch at Romeo’s Café on 3/8/19. All commented on how good the food was but unfortunately there was a lack of adequate staff serving us.

Events – Linda reported the tour of Terminal 3 at the Airport was a great success, with 30 people attending. Everyone was amazed at how the terminal had been remodeled. Several members stayed for lunch at Terminal 4.

New Business

Future Out-to-Lunch –Mary Kay has made the reservation for our 5/10/19 lunch at Stats Sportsgrill (reminder going out 5/3/19). On 6/14/19 Peggy Schulz has scheduled our yearly brunch at Crackers and Company (on Country Club behind Home Depot) at 9:30 AM, with their private room reserved (reminder going out 5/31/19). Peggy Strauss will be checking into Lucille’s Smokehouse Barbecue at Tempe Marketplace for 7/12/19. On 8/9/19 we are planning to go to Organ Stop Pizza for our yearly early evening dinner at 5:00 PM with Margaret in charge. Additional restaurant suggestions of Broken Yolk on Southern and Red, White and Brew near Power were given for future lunches.

Future Events –Peggy Strauss has booked a tour of the Mesa Arts Center for 5/22/19 at 12:00 PM. The tour is about one and one-half hours but there are plenty of sitting opportunities. The cut-off date will be 5/15/19. Joan and Margaret will be in charge of the tour of the Penske Racecar Museum for the 3rd or 4th week in June. There is a restaurant on the second floor for those who wish to have lunch after the tour. The address is 7191 E Chauncey Lane in Phoenix. Helen reported that she had visited the site of the Phoenix Herpetological Society and did not feel it would be suitable for us. However, she did come up with a suggestion of a tour of the Solari Bell Foundry in Scottsdale for possibly November. It is a one-hour tour outdoors and we need to inform our members that the paths are not paved. There is a charge of \$15. Mary Kay said she and Marie would like to be in charge of the ferry ride at Canyon Lake in October when the weather should be good. The charge for that is \$23. Mention was also made of touring the Chandler Art Center and Linda Ems will look into this.

Picnic – This is scheduled for 4/11/19 at 11:30 AM. We have received 73 reservations. The Committee needs to be at the park at 10:30 AM. Jobs are as follows:

- Collection of reservations and money; check who needs risk forms signed – Lois
- Sign-in table and collection of risk forms – Judy, Margaret, Joan
- Collection of lunch tickets – Helen
- Watermelon – Sissy, Helen
- Tables and chairs – Mary Kay, Sissy

Ice – Mary Kay

Water – Lois

Left-over books to MAAC – Mary Kay

Games (provided by Archie) – Mary Kay

White Elephant donations – Linda

Desserts and lemonade – Peggy Schulz will get these from Costco (cookies, brownies, lemon bars, chocolate chip mini muffins)

Bingo – Peggy Strauss let us know that we did find the cage for the balls and also that Peggy Schulz did get some new cards.

Microphone – Allan graciously offered the use of a microphone to use during the raffle.

Volunteer Lunch – This will again be at EVIT on Friday, 4/26/19. We should be getting invitations to this shortly.

Holiday Party – We have been made aware of a program of the Mesa Public School System which has been teaching students to play harps. They have over 50 students involved and they do go out and give performances at different venues. Peggy Schulz and Helen will be contacting the person in charge to see if a small group might be available to entertain at the Holiday Party. That would be something special.

Open Discussion

Linda noted that she had made available paste-on name tags at the Airport tour for those who did not have their New Frontiers badges and for guests, and we all agreed that this was a great idea for our out-to-lunches and monthly events. We also felt that it would be a good idea to have a helper for the person in charge when we have a large group attending. Sissy had sent us a note regarding having cut-off times for our activities and we do have this for our lunches (12:00 PM on the Thursday before) but we felt it was not necessary to have a timed cut-off for events.

Our meeting was then adjourned.

Next Meeting – Monday May 6, 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)