

Social Committee Minutes
August 5, 2019

Members in attendance: Peggy Schulz, Peggy Strauss, Helen Dodds, Joan Hancock, Linda Ems, Roland Tanner, Judy Wakefield, Penny Searing

Members absent: Lois Shaffer, Marie-France Ganansia, Mary Kay Owen, Margaret Beikman, Sissy Riley, Sandie Ward

The meeting was called to order by Peggy Schulz. Reading of the minutes was not done because members received them via email. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes.

Old Business

Out-to-Lunch – Linda reported that 25 people attended brunch in June at Crackers and found the service excellent and the food good. A number of people did wonder why the brunch was so early and it was suggested that perhaps we change the time to 10:00 or 10:30 AM. We will discuss this next year when the brunch scheduling again comes up. Peggy Strauss told us that in July 19 people attended Lucille's and found the food and service to be very good.

Events – The Penske Racecar Museum tour was attended by 17 members in June who enjoyed the tour, and many had a delightful lunch on their upstairs patio. We did not have an event scheduled for July.

New Business

Future Out-to-Lunch –On 8/9/19 we will be going to Organ Stop Pizza for our yearly early evening dinner at 5:00 PM. The reminder went out 8/4/19. Margaret let us know by email that she already had 15 reservations. If we have 20 people they will reserve a table or tables for us. Roland has booked the Rainforest Café in Arizona Mills for 9/13/19 (reminder to go out 9/6/19). Sissy had contacted Carrabba's Italian restaurant on Power for 10/11/19. They do not open for lunch until 11:30 AM so we will have to let our members know not to come early. If we have an AARP card we can get a discount. The reminder will go out 10/4/19. Roland mentioned the possibility of going to one of the German restaurants in Mesa in November and he will check on this, and Peggy Schulz will check on Wildberries for January 2020.

Future Events –We do not have any event scheduled for August. Linda has set up the tour of the Chandler Arts Center for 9/26/19 at 10:30 AM (reminder going out 9/19/19). In October (no specific date has been set as of yet) we plan to schedule a boat ride on Canyon Lake (Mary Kay and Marie) with a charge of \$23. The tour of the Soleri Bell Foundry is set for 11/21/19 (Helen), meeting there at 11:00 AM. There is a charge of \$15 and this money needs to be sent in advance to Helen, with a cut-off date of 11/14/19. A flyer will go out on 11/7/19. Margaret is checking on the new exhibit regarding Indian boarding schools at the Heard Museum for some time next year. The charge is \$15 (for seniors) each and there is a \$20 fee for a tour guide for the group. We need to find out if there is a cheaper price for students. Helen mentioned a suggestion had been made to her about a tour of the Mesa library on Power, and Peggy Strauss suggested possibly a tour of the Burton Barr Library in downtown Phoenix. Peggy Strauss also mentioned that she would be glad to look into a return visit to the Cubs' spring training facility since we were last there back in 2015. She said the earliest she could look into this would be early February for a March tour.

Holiday Party –Peggy Schulz let us know she still has not received approval from MCC regarding payment to Mesa Country Club. We have no idea if the facility has saved our date of 12/12/19 for us and

we are feeling desperate about this. Regarding entertainment, we cannot book anyone until we know the exact date. Sandie had volunteered to check on the Mesa School System harpists and also on a guitarist but that is also on hold, as are our ideas for party favors. We may have to change the date or even cancel the event if we do not hear from MCC soon, and that would certainly disappoint the 100-plus people who attend. Peggy Schulz will bring up at Council meeting the question of why there is such a hold-up on getting approval especially since this issue was originally brought up in May.

Open Discussion

Linda told us about the meeting at Red Mountain about the possibility of starting some traveling trips through New Frontiers and that a Travel Committee was formed. We agreed it was a good idea but certainly would be beyond our ability. We did come up with the possibilities of doing some day trips including ones we had done in the past to St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Monastery and also to Eloy to watch the sky diving. Those had been very well-attended events. We also discussed the inconvenience of having to ask members who are attending events if they have signed a risk form. Peggy Schulz will again bring up at the coming Council meeting having all new members sign the risk form at the time of registration. This is pertinent since Open House is coming up and the risk form can be included in the registration packet.

Our meeting was then adjourned.

Next Meeting – Monday September 2, 2019, 9:30 AM, at PEGGY SCHULZ' HOUSE, 705 W. IVY CIRCLE, MESA, AZ 85201 (this will be a pot-luck).

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Strauss (Secretary)