

**Glendale Heights Center for Senior Citizens
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
February 28, 2024
Minutes**

PRESENT

Jennifer Alagna
Pat Maritato
Mary Schroeder
Leona Breede
Lavonna Hawkins
Joan Kernan
Joanne Soo
Joe Toma

Absent:

Keith Knautz
Patti Pauling

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am. Minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Construction Update

Jennifer reviewed the construction schedule. The group meets every two weeks to keep up to date of progress. Keith was at the meeting as our meeting was going on, and Jennifer will get further updates after the meeting. The carpet is finished in the community room and with weather favorable lately the walls for the addition are up, and materials are coming in. The gym flooring will be done this week. Seniors who exercises there are able to go to the Hub to exercise while the gym is closed. The library is being put back today and can be used. The rest of the floor and bathroom and closets are left to do.

Adult Trip Update

New Orleans Bus Trip – April 2024 – 46 registered; Patti will be going on trip.

New England Cruise – September 2024 – 21 registered

Alaska Cruise – September 2024 – 20 registered

The next steps will be to coordinate cruises' excursion trips. The Travel Club meetings will break into New England and Alaska cruises in the next few months, Patti will coordinate when she returns March 7. The next travel club is March 20 for Alaska cruise discussion. Discounts will be given if 16 or more register for excursions.

Participation Update

3/14/24 – St. Patrick's Day Lunch

Corned beef will be served. 75 have registered.

3/18/24 – DSCC Lunch

DSCC will have a free lunch and learn with John Boda for St. Patrick's Day serving Irish stew. John Boda will do a song and presentation.

Red Carpet Dinner Gala – April 25, 2024

Only 16 have registered. Texas Roadhouse will cater sirloin steaks at a value for senior center. Due to low registration we may need to consider cancelling the event to avoid the senior center losing money.

Bingo Equipment

John at the Village checked with the VFW regarding their bingo equipment. They don't have any. The group suggested checking with the bingo company that goes to Buena Beef periodically to do bingo on Sundays. Our equipment was ok this week.

Spring and Summer Events

April – Volunteer breakfast or lunch

May – Soup and salad lunch with possible addition of an activity.

June – Golf course hot dogs and games. Date will be decided later.

August – National Night Out

Brunch Review

The group agreed that the annual brunches are the nicest event at the senior center and thanked Jennifer for her extra work to make it special.

Future Bus, Cruise and Day Trips

Jennifer announced that the Advisory Committee would suggest and approve all trips in the future. Travel club has been very unorganized. Trips may be coordinated by Diamond Tours or not in the future. She asked for ideas for day and overnight trips.

The group suggested the following:

San Fillipo Nut Factory and estate – Leona will give information to Jennifer re group tours along with the card for Lucky Entertainment.

Door county – overnight trip

Arboretum

Cantigny

Galena – overnight trip

Jennifer will pass on the suggestions to Patti to research and organize. Committee members should make suggestions for future events for research.

Hub Class Cancellations

It was suggested that calls be made to registered class attendees if there is a cancellation at the Hub because there were a number of ladies come to a recent one who were not informed. Besides the written notices at the senior center and Hub there will be a an email blast.

Panera Bread Donations

The 501C has not come through for the senior center yet so we cannot ask Panera to resume the weekly bread donations.

Coffee Bar

Jennifer presented the latest bill for the coffee products used to make coffee available to senior members for 25 cents a cup. She is not collecting much from the stipend because the weekly bingo players are not making the appropriate payments for their coffee. The group discussed the issue and suggested having a special bingo coffee pot in the community room for the bingo players leaving the regular coffee bar available for all other members.

Carol Stream/Glendale Heights Trip Collaboration

Keith is working with Alison and Melissa at Carol Stream to get a collaborative effort going between their park district and our senior center. The final government agreement has not been finalized at present.

The next meeting will be March 28, 2024 at 8:30am. Leona announced that she will not be able to attend the next meeting.

Adjourn at 9:55am

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Soo