

**Glendale Heights Center for Senior Citizens  
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018  
Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Deb McKenzie  
Jim Breede  
Leona Breede  
Bimla Gupta  
Lavonna Hawkins  
Mary Schroeder  
Joanne Soo – via telephone  
Joe Toma

**Absent:**

Karyn Hilborn  
Mary Leston

The meeting was called to order at 8:33am.

The minutes from the October 25, 2017 meeting were reviewed and accepted. Deb pointed out that today's agenda had a mistake. There will be a February meeting on February 28, 2018.

**New Committee Members**

Two new members were welcomed to the Committee: LaVonna Hawkins and Joe Toma. Debbie explained the committee purpose to bring senior members ideas and assist the center to see that it is meeting the needs of the seniors as well as promote the center to get new members through neighbors, church, etc.

Two open positions remain on the Committee and Mary Leston has not resigned but is going to Arizona for 3 months or more.

**Staffing**

Staff changed again. Tabith Walters took a position in the Administration. We can cover center needs with current staff.

**Salon**

A mailer went out to all members who didn't come since January 2017. Some are coming back to use the salon. Weekly spots are being taken up with the 3-days a week schedule, Monday, Wednesday and Friday starting at 8:00. Now it is offering hair and manicures only now as pedicures are not cost

effective. There was a question regarding adding Thursday. When it is filled we can increase the number of days the salon is open. Jennifer has been flexible with time for clients and has had some former clients come to see her at the center as she did work in Glendale Heights in the past.

### **Bus Schedule**

Jeannine (bus driver) is here 5 days a week. The bus picks up at residents' houses if they are a Glendale Heights resident. Residents who want to use the bus are urged to join the Center (free of charge) to use it. Currently a discussion is regarding the needs of the community. Debbie reviewed the new map of routes. The initial route was very y ridged and not meeting the residents needs so we expanded day frames. There are still borders on the routes but hours expanded. To schedule a bus ride 48 hours notice is required. Jeannine has been a plus to the new bus schedule and system as she is very personable and the riders like her.

### **Activity Guide**

The Winter Activity Guide should have been received in members' home the last week of December. Committee members acknowledged that they did receive theirs. It is mailed to all members even out of village members.

The Spring guide is being worked on now. All spring activities start on May 1, the new budget year; therefore, no reservations can be made until after May 1.

There was a discussion regarding the Village recruitment of new center members. Information is in the Village newsletter only with the comment that there is no cost for seniors to join as residents of Glendale Heights.

### **Activity Ideas**

Joanne reviewed information distributed regarding a tour of the Morton Arboretum. Tour alone or tour and lunch is an option and only 15 people need to be guaranteed. The group decided to offer this tour using the Center bus as a Fall activity, possibly in October. Debbie will work on a date and bring back to the February meeting.

Leona requested information regarding doing a movie day again. Debbie reviewed the experience in the past stating that it was not well attended and there are trademark copywriter issues with it. She will do a questionnaire to the members who attend bingo to gauge the interest of a movie and lunch activity after Bingo on Wednesday. More in February.

### **Ping Pong**

The ping-pong players would like to get another table, however, the number of players does not warrant getting a second table. We will look into getting a table and request the Hub to store it for us. Joe Toma will check to see if he can donate his table to the center and get back to us.

### **Sports Friday Sponsor**

We continue to wear our favorite sports apparel on Friday. We are now into hockey season and would like to get a sponsor for the \$60.00 needed to do 3 \$20.00 gift cards. Wintrust Bank sponsored the baseball and will continue to do it in the spring and summer. West Suburban Bank sponsored the football season. Debbie requested the group to ask restaurants to consider sponsoring.

### **Line Dancing**

Line dancing is the first and third Mondays of each month at the Hub in Studio Two. Dance instructor is a professional line dance teacher. Enrollment is at the center.

### **Spring Trip - Casino**

Four Winds Casino is planned. Lavonna asked why the bus was returning so early as other centers and groups are advertised to return back at 6:00 or later and our trip is scheduled to return at 4:00pm. Debbie will look into why ours is so early. Debbie is also going to introduce a Fall trip which is going to be non-casino based at the next meeting. It is being worked on now.

### **Future Trips**

There was a discussion about other trips. One day trips are preferred.

Ideas for future trips:

Fair Oaks in Indiana – a farm

Starved Rock in Illinois

Springfield Illinois for Lincoln Museum – overnight

Arlington Heights Theatre

Peasant Run (back and do theatre shows)

Transportation remains an issue with our 14-person bus; any need for a commercial bus is too expensive. A travel agency required non-compete to prevent other scheduling outside. Some other centers more and get more people. Debbie is looking in to some crossover trips with other centers. She explained it is not as easy as it might seem

### **Volunteer Hours – 2017**

2133 volunteer hours were logged in 2017. There will be a volunteer coffee in April with the date to be announced in February.

DSCC Elvis Lunch – John Boda

Debbie commented that some members left early from the lunch because they wanted a n Elvis impersonator not a review of Elvis' life and his songs. The Committee Members that attended said they really liked John Boda's presentation.

**Activities – Jan to April**

More lunch and learns

Elvis Impersonator on April 19 with lunch.

Check the activity guide for all events.

**September Survey – 2017**

Survey results will be given out next meeting. Ideas for the future surveys were requested. Possibly do a longer survey only two times instead of one each week.

**Evening Events**

People stated that they wanted evening events but not many were attended. Suggestion was to do them in the summer only when the days are longer. BBQ and Bingo will be at night this year.

**Congressman Town Hall Meeting**

There will be a presentation for caregivers' town hall meeting sponsored by Congressman Raja (1/24/18).

The next meeting will February 28, 2018 at 8:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48am

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Soo