

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

**Wednesday August 28, 2019
Minutes**

PRESENT:

Deb McKenzie
Leona Breede
Bimla Gupta
Lavonna Hawkins
Joan Kernan
Pat Maritato
Mary Schroeder
Joanne Soo
Joe Toma

Guest:

Fred Pronger – Resident

Absent:

Karyn Hilborn

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Debbie McKenzie. Since the meeting is open to all residents Debbie introduced our guest, Fred Pronger. Mr. Pronger explained that he was interested in seeing what and how neighborhood meetings were conducted.

Debbie asked that we continue our meeting as normal to allow activity pictures to be taken of the committee at work. She would be using the pictures for a presentation she would be giving in Springfield, Illinois in connection with the senior center's application to be considered for the Governor's Hometown Award. The award is given for volunteerism exhibited in Illinois villages.

The minutes of the May 2019 meeting were reviewed and accepted. The February meeting minutes were also reviewed and accepted with the one change being the correction of the date.

\$5.00 charge annually for resident senior center renewal

The committee requested a follow up to the suggestion that the center begin to charge Glendale Heights residents a \$5.00 annual fee for membership. Debbie has brought the issue to Administration who will investigate. She will follow up with their response.

Sports Friday

Posters will be made to advertise Sports Friday. On September 6 Football will join baseball as the sport of the season. As always, when members come to the center wearing sport clothing (either professional or school) for football or baseball they will receive a raffle ticket for one of the gift card prizes. Drawing is done at the end of the sport season.

Riverside Casino

Registration for the casino trip is at 39 as of today. The max is 50 as there are more spaces available.

New ID Cards

Processing the new ID cards is almost complete. The final cards for those members who do not attend the center often are being completed. All members who did not register for a new card were called in to get a new card. Some people were not happy to have to give identification and get a new card for the new computer system. There will also be letters going out to those who still did not get their new card.

Activity Guides – Fall

The latest activity guides should be at the homes this week. Fall and winter activities are advertized . All members should register early to avoid closed events.

Summer Program Feedback

Al Capone

This program received good feedback from all who participated. Debbie stated that the feedback cards should be signed so that she can contact the member if there is an issue and she can follow up with her comments.

BBQ

All comments on this event were positive. Debbie thanked the volunteers who cooked.

Luau

Likewise comments on this were mostly good especially the food and decorations. The committee commented that the entertainment could have been better and include more luau/beach music and get the people more involved.

One very big positive was the staff involvement in serving and helping those who might need assistance at the buffet line, etc. Jeannine is especially helpful and outgoing with all members.

Senior Expo

The Expo on August 22 and 23 was very good this year. Debbie handed out 20 \$5.00 off non-resident membership coupons. A comment was made regarding the layout at DruryLane this year which made it feel more open and less cluttered, much better for viewing all booths.

September – Senior Center Month

Keys to success is the theme of the month this year. Surveys will be requested weekly . The committee should encourage all members to complete all the surveys. As usual, there will be a prize for each completed survey. There will also be some spontaneous surprise events and activities this year.

Activities in September

Beatles Program- September 24 (presented by the Library)

Ice Cream Social – September 19

DSCC Lunch – Sound of Music – September 23

Book Club System Chang

The new registration system for the Book Club includes registering here and picking up the book here. Once members register Dave at the Library will be called to bring over the necessary books.

Secretary of State – October 8

The usual semi-annual Secretary of State visit will include licenses, ID cards and written test being given. The REAL ID cannot be gotten at our site, but only at the full-service offices.

Other Business

- Meeting Places Signs. The issue of the signs being confusing was brought up. The confusion as to whether senior members can park there to come to the center is due to the signs being so close to the building. The parking places can still be used. Pat will talk to the Administration to see if the signs can be moved farther back in our parking lot.
- Glen Oaks Hospital meeting issue. The August 23 meeting was advertized as a presentation on stress and stress relievers, but the person who was to do the presentation did not come. The Glen Oaks staff did not seem to know much about the change and no notice of change was given.
- Senior Center exposure in condo areas was discussed. The Village New Letter does have a page on the Senior center which goes to all condo residents. The Senior Center also attends Condo Adm meetings.
- Suggestion: Italian Fest at the senior center. We would need to have good Italian food and good entertainment. Debbie will work on that for future activity guides
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The next meeting will be on September 25, 2019 at 8:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Soo