

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

**Wednesday September 25, 2019  
Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

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

**Absent:**

Karyn Hilborn

The meeting was called to order at 8:35am by Debbie McKenzie. Debbie gave out stress balls to the Committee members as a token for Senior Center month. All Bingo players received them on September 11.

The minutes of the August 2019 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

**Governor's Hometown Award**

Debbie should be receiving a notice today regarding the application for the Governors Hometown Award. She and staff did a presentation in Springfield regarding our center. At some point she will show the committee the presentation.

**Sports Friday**

Debbie reminded the Committee to encourage all members to wear sports (football and baseball now) shirts on Fridays to be eligible for a raffle drawing at the end of the baseball season and again football season.

**\$5.00 charge annually for resident senior center renewal**

Debbie has taken the issue to Administration. To date, no response has been given.

### **Riverside Casino - 10-7-19**

Registration for the casino trip can be taken up to the day before. As of now there are enough for the trip to go.

### **Charlestown Mall Senior Events**

Select Pix program that shows usually an older film or independent movie on the first Wednesday of every month at 1 PM and 7 PM – we also have the Saint Charles sponsored bank show that is geared toward guests 50 and over – that is held the second Thursday of every month with doors opening at 8:15 AM

All year round. Charlestowne 18 – 630-443-4378

### **New ID Cards**

Processing the new ID cards is still being done. Letters were sent to people who didn't respond to get new card. No membership is necessary to go to DSCC lunches so we have been stopping people at lunch who have not reregistered.

### **Activity Guides – Winter**

There will a library program again in March. Debbie asked for ideas from committee. Italian and Polish Fests will be scheduled. There was a brunch suggested.

### **September – Senior Center Month**

Keys to success is the theme of the month this year. Surveys were requested weekly. The committee overwhelmingly thought this was the best Senior Center month. The surprise extra touches were appreciated. Debbie gave credit to Jennifer and Patti who did the different extra things and decorated the center with photos and signs.

### **Survey s Completed in September23**

96 surveys - 1 sty week

107 Surveys – 2<sup>nd</sup> week

97 surveys – 3<sup>rd</sup> week

### **Flu Shots – 9/25 and 10/9**

Flu shots start today and will also be done on October 9.

### **Volunteer Lunch**

Mayor Jackson has invited the Senior Center volunteers to a lunch at Glendale Golf Club today at 12:00N. All committee members are invited and encouraged to attend.

### **Health and Safety Fair – 10/2/19**

The annual Family Health and Safety Fair will take place on October 2, 2019 at the Hub with many new vendors and agencies attending this year.

### **Special Program – October 16, 2019**

The Glen Oaks Day School program choir will sing here at the center after Bingo at 12:00N. The group is always entertaining and enjoys coming to the center to sing for the seniors. Debbie given each choir member a gift to show our appreciation for their performance.

### **Halloween Party – 10/24/19**

Debbie reminded the committee to sign up early for the party and encouraged them to come in costume. As always, costumes re optional but highly encouraged. Prizes are given for best costumes.

### **Discussion re Registration for Events**

The committee discussed sign up and cut off for programs and events. Debbie explained that the cut off is dependent on the number allowed for each program and event.

### **Donations for Holiday Lunch Gift Cards**

The committee will request gift cards from community vendors to use as raffle prizes for the lunch. Based on the recent years' collections, the committee members will go out to request gift cards. Each committee member identified the stores/restaurants they would approach for donations and Debbie distributed introduction letters and business cards to each person to use when soliciting donations. Joanne will distribute the list (attached) to each committee member via email.

NOTE: Distributed that day.

### **Raffle Ticket Recommendation**

The committee members suggested that the raffle tickets for the Holiday Lunch be sold in a new way this year to avoid confusion with so many different color tickets. It was motioned, seconded and approved unanimously to use the following system to sell raffle tickets this year:

1 color for the big prize (if any) and all regular raffle prizes – 3 for a \$1.00

1 color for the Split the Pot cash prizes - \$1.00 each

Debbie will monitor sales this year to see if the change increases or decreases the amount of money collected.

### **New Committee Members**

There are applications for new members to the committee; but not submitted to the Village Administration as yet.

The next meeting will be on October 23, 2019 at 8:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Soo