

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

**Wednesday October 23, 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 8:33am by Debbie McKenzie. The minutes of the September 2019 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Membership fees for Glendale Heights Residents and Non- residents

Debbie received authorization from Village Administration to increase the resident and non-resident annual membership fee as follows:

\$5.00 annual fee for Glendale Heights resident seniors 60+

\$30.00 annual fee for non- resident seniors 60+

The group discussed the change and the impact it may have on current Senior Center Members. Consensus was that such a small increase would not have a grand impact on members or total membership going forward. The issue was compared to the increase of the fee for the annual Holiday Lunch which was increased from free to \$10.00 per person about 4 years ago. At that time, the center received some critical comments but did not lose any lunch participants.

New ID Cards

All new ID cards have still not been completed due to the few members who have not contacted the center to reapply.

Governor's Hometown Award

Debbie will travel to Springfield to receive the village's Governor's Hometown Award in the near future. The award comes with a plaque and a street sign to post on a Village street.

Winter Spring Programs

The next activity guide will be out in late December with all entries to it due November 1. The new computer system allows for expedited printing.

Glen Oaks Hospital and Library programs will be featured in the first quarter.

Smoke Detectors for Homes

Glenside and Bloomingdale Fire Departments have followed up with residents who signed up for a new free smoke detector and home inspection at the August 19 fire prevention program here at the center. Some of the committee members were recipients of the smoke detectors and commented that the follow up and visits were very positive. A suggestion was made to send each Fire Department a thank you letter for their good community service. (Attached)

Halloween Party – 10-24-19

59 people are registered. Pronto's is the food vendor and has provided a really good discount for their food. Cards or flyers on the tables to advertize the community partner was suggested.

Transportation

Debbie distributed a form to use for all current and new bus riders who register for bus rides. When riders call their form will be confirmed before they are allowed to ride the bus. (Attached). The form explains curb to curb service only by the bus driver along with description of each rider's mobility needs, i.e. walked, wheelchair, etc. Currently registered riders have been sent a form. New riders will receive a free ride to the center to complete the form for all future rides.

Quilt Raffle

The center has received a license to hold a raffle at the Craft Fair to raffle off a handmade quilt. Quilt club members and Jody made the beautiful quilt to be raffled. Starting on November 1, raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets will also be sold at the craft fair on November 13.

Craft Fair

All tables are sold out for the annual craft fair. It will be held on November 13, 2019 from 8:30 am to 6:30pm.

Christmas Sharing

The Christmas Sharing tree will go up at the center on November 18 for members to choose names for gift buying.

Pot Luck – November 21, 2019

To date 32 people have signed up for the pot luck.

Senior Center Closure Dates:

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 28 -Thanksgiving

November 29 – Thanksgiving Friday

Donations for Holiday Lunch Gift Cards

Per the September meeting, the committee members will request gift cards from community vendors to use as raffle prizes for the lunch. Per the list Joanne distributed last month members will solicit donations. Comments were that some were already received and some had to make return calls and visits to vendors.

December Activities

Chandlers lunch – 12/10/19

Holiday Lunch – 12/5/19

No specific events in January.

Italian Fest - April 2020

Pat will coordinate with Patty.

Brunchish Event – February

The Committee will invite all members to the first senior center brunch type event in February. Jennifer and Patty will coordinate with committee members to organize a pot luck type menu with center and committee members providing breakfast type food in the style of a brunch.

Bake Sale – December 18, 2019

The holiday bake sale will be held during and after bingo on December 18. Joanne, Leona, Joan, Lavonna, Mary and Bimla volunteered to organize and sell baked goods. The center staff will put out a list to identify the members who will donate baked goods. All money collected from the bake sale goes to the donation account and is used for extras and prizes for parties/events.

There will be no meetings in November and December. The next meeting will be on January 22, 2020 at 8:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Soo