

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

**August 25, 2021
Minutes**

PRESENT

Jennifer Alagna
Leona Breede
Lavonna Hawkins
Joan Kernan
Mary Schroder
Joanne Soo
Joe Toma

Absent:

Pat Maritato
Patti Pauling

The meeting was called to order at 12:30.

The minutes of the June 23, 2021 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Vaccine Update

Jennifer reported that 93% of the seniors in DuPage County have been vaccinated for the COVID19 virus. This allows for opening of more and more at the Center. The vaccine clinics continue at the HUB.

New Business:

- Community Room Rentals continue to increase with rentals allowing 130 people. There are more on the weekends but the weeknights are beginning to get popular.
- Dining in DuPage – Delicious Fusion in Barlett was well attended with 18 people; 6 took bus. Comments regarding the food were good for the most part. The last restaurant attended was Nouva Italia with less people but good reviews and good food. Patti will be taking over Dining in DuPage coordination. The October Dining in DuPage will be Venuti's in Addison. They do not take separate checks so the Senior Center will collect a specific price (for the buffet) that will cover every ones lunch before the date and pay the restaurant in one bill.
- Volunteers 18 people signed in with their volunteer hours of 86 hours (since June) in the new book which is posted on the podium in the front entry way.

Follow Up Business

- Halloween Party – October 26, 2021. Morettis or Pietanza are the potential caterers. Morettis is considerably more expensive than Pietanza. They have agreed to do a tasting for the Advisory

Committee. Jennifer will schedule it for the next meeting on September 22 at 12:30 so lunch will be served at that meeting.

- Christmas Memory Book. Patti will work on the book as she did on the one done several years ago. The group discussed broadening the theme of the book to encompass more holidays and more fond memories from the members.
- Ice Cream Social – September 23, 2021. Jennifer informed the group that there will not be a sponsor for the event to cover the ice cream, etc. as Lexington Nursing Home had done in past Septembers. The Senior Center will cover all the costs of the event with funds in the budget from the village to keep it free to the members for National Senior center month. There was a discussion about funding for senior center. Jennifer announced the Texas Roadhouse profits from the fundraiser were \$175.00. The funds are in an account for Senior Centers use in future. There was discussion regarding future fund raisers and other businesses that are willing to do them. Leona will look into Fannie Mae participating in one for us. Buona Beef was mentioned as a possibility too.

New Business

The fall activity guides will be out September 1. There are a lot of activities and events listed with new activities.

- Tea Time – November 2, 2021 will be sponsored by the Library at the Senior Center with tea and food demonstrations by the chef. Scones and tea sandwiches will be served. The Library will be interested in sponsoring Senior Center events. Joanne will check with Ryan at the Library regarding a program she attended and recommended for the members.
- Bingo will start again on Wednesdays at 10:00 am with Jackie Bikerstaff and Joe Jons assisting. There will be no limit on attendees and no vaccination card required to attend. Joan volunteered to help at the front desk every Wednesday for Bingo. (Bingo at Bloomingdale is limited to 27 people and seniors needing to prove vaccination to attend.)
- Bowling – Tuesdays at 1:00 starting on September 7, 2021. Those who register will be able to bowl for \$7.00 including games and shoe rental. It is not a league and registered members may attend any week they choose to go.
- Therapy Dogs will be here for members to meet on September 9 and October 7.
- Fitness classes have been added with two new instructors: Valerie for Forever Fit on Wednesday at 10:00-10:45am and Penny for Monday from 10:00 to 10:45am. John will be doing a Tae Chi class on Friday at 11:00am every other week with Alyssa doing yoga class alternate weeks at the same day and time. There was a discussion about future exercise opportunities with a question about attending both the Monday and Wednesday exercises at the Hub as was allowed before COVID19. Suzette is coordinator for exercise events so Jennifer referred the group to her first to answer that question. There was a discussion about the number of people and the attendance tracking for Walk a Mile and Hub exercises. For now no registered member will be dropped if they don't come to class every single week. At some point there may be a change due to the limited amount of people/space and not want people who are on waiting list not be able to attend if the list is filled and some registered members don't come.

- Travel Club will be started to let members who are interested in travel talk about trips, their vacations and possible trips to go on either with Senior Center or by themselves. It's a good way to get people interested in travel together to brainstorm other places and trips. It will be held the 1st Friday of each month.
- Craft Club will also be started to discuss new crafts and collaborate on different crafts that can be done and may be done as a group at Senior Center or individually. The club will meet the last Friday of each month.
- Secretary of State license renewals will be done at the Senior Center on October 19, 2021. Anyone who needs license renewal, an ID card or rules of the road test can get them done here on that day. If driving tests are needed they must be done at a regular Secretary of State office. The Aurora office does business only for seniors on Mondays. It is located on Indian Trail in Aurora.

Bus Transportation

There is no bus driver as the former bus driver quit with no notice. There has not been any posting for a new driver as it is a union position and must go through Human Resources at the Village. A question was raised whether a volunteer could drive the bus temporarily. Jennifer was not sure and she will inquire if that is possible. Bloomingdale Township residents can use the Pace Bus for \$1.50 a ride.

Senior Center Month – September

The theme for this year's Senior Center Month is "We are Stronger Together". There will be decorations for the center, Bingo starting, the new activity guide showing events and activities that show it is great to age and what the possibilities are, and some pop up surprise events during the month on Fridays. The group was asked not to mention the following surprise Friday events scheduled on the calendar:

Movie, The Bucket List – 2:00pm, September 3

Games – lawn bowling, bags

Fresh lemonade stand

Ice Cream

Wine and cheese event – late in afternoon with free cheese and soft drinks and wine which can be purchased.

Next week Jennifer will give each Committee member a set of movie tickets to give out for the Friday 9/3 movie.

Other Business -

Mary requested volunteers at the Village Charity Golf Outing on Friday, September 17, 2021 to assist with check in, etc. Volunteers will receive breakfast, lunch and dinner for assisting. She asked that anyone who can volunteer call her as soon as possible.

The next meeting will be September 22, 2021 at 12:30pm. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

Respectfully submitted, Joanne Soo