

**Glendale Heights Center for Senior Citizens
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
January 25, 2023
Minutes**

PRESENT

Jennifer Alagna
Leona Breede
Lavonna Hawkins
Joan Kernan
Keith Knautz
Mary Schroeder
Joanne Soo

Absent: Pat Maritato
Patti Pauling
Joe Toma

The meeting was called to order at 8:37am.

Minutes of the October 26, 2022 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Review from last Meeting

Jennifer reviewed the following topics discussed at the last meeting:

1. Bingo Rules Issue

The bingo people decided that the current distribution of prizes was fine and Bingo Wednesdays returned to normal after a discussion regarding the structure of prize payments.

2. DSCC Lunches

Jennifer reviewed the nutritional requirements for the DSCC lunch's menu as there was a question regarding the taste of some of the items on the menu. The purpose of the DSCC lunch is to allow for a nutritional meal and socialization time for seniors. Lunch and learn programs will begin again. There will be a new DSCC site manager for the lunches.

3. Review of the Christmas Lunch

Jennifer reviewed the amount of people at the December lunch and informed the group that we would like to increase the number attending as there were a lot of people left

on the waitlist this year. Attendance was capped to 150 people because of the COVID restrictions. Past years, pre COVID had more than 200 people attending.

4. Bon Voyage Dinner – April 13, 2023

This will be the first night event with a cruise theme. Jennifer reviewed the menu and entertainment. A full buffet is planned with dancing and entertainment by a former cruise singer. She noted that no one has commented on the price being too high and mentioned that the golf course has given us a very good discount for the high end affair. She will use the Senior Center's donation fund to help those that cannot afford the price. The bus service will be available for the event.

5. Donation Events to Benefit the Senior Center

The group asked if there can be more donation events scheduled to benefit our senior center. Outback Steak House, Buona Beef, Texas Roadhouse were mentioned as suggested places to approach as our previous Texas Roadhouse donation event was very well attended and successful.

Adult Day Trips

Two casino day trips are scheduled for Elgin and DesPlaines casinos. In addition, a day trip to Four Winds Casino in Indiana is scheduled for August 24. The event will include a lunch and play money voucher. Starlight travel has coordinated it and has a deal with the bus company and for the coupons and extras. The cost has not been settled as yet.

Birthday Celebrations

Jennifer asked to table this pending issue until March when Joe Toma is at the meeting as he has suggested it. It is difficult to fit in a birthday celebration and coordinate it in a fair way.

Review Dining in DuPage

Those that attended the January Dining in DuPage thought that the venue was not the best as the set up was difficult and table space limited.

Review of Upcoming Events

It was suggested that Jennifer include a review of the upcoming senior center and Hub events on the agenda for each meeting. This information will give the committee members information to see if they should try to get more attendance and keep them aware of all types of events at the center and at the Hub.

Line Dancing – January 31 – First class

20 people have signed up. There is no limit to how many can attend. This will be held at the golf course and is a 4 class event held once each month.

Savannah Trip – April 30 to May 6, 2023

This trip is sold out.

Brunch – March 9, 2023

Jennifer reviewed the menu which will be similar to the previous brunches with the carving station and buffet set up. She will put this event on the February meeting agenda for discussion of more food issues and to go over details at that time.

Gym Equipment

Jennifer reviewed the upcoming maintenance and review of the gym and the equipment. The equipment is 12 years old and some does not work well sometimes. The grant money is not considered for updating the gym but the regular Senior Center budget does have money budgeted for its upkeep. Jennifer is going to get feedback from regular users of the gym to see what changes they feel are needed. Reducing the number of treadmills may be an option to allow more room and refiguring the equipment. If new equipment is needed, refurbished equipment will be purchased.

The next meeting is February 22, 2023 at 8:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32am

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Soo