

**Glendale Heights Center for Senior Citizens  
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting  
March 22, 2023  
Minutes**

**PRESENT**

Mary Schroeder  
Jennifer Alagna  
Leona Breede  
Joan Kernan  
Patti Pauling  
Joanne Soo  
Joe Toma

**ABSENT:** Keith Knautz  
Pat Maritato  
Lavonna Hawkins

**GUEST:** Mayor Chodri Ma Khokhar

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am. Minutes of the February 22, 2023 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

The minutes will be adjusted for the file to show the date as February 23, 2023, not 2022 and Mayor Chodri Ma Khokhar's name will be added.

**Panera Bread**

Jennifer informed the group that she has spoken with administration of Panera Bread regarding the donations that were made to the senior center before Covid-19. Unfortunately, Panera Bread stated that they cannot begin donations again because the senior center does not have a 501C3 number as a Not for Profit organization. They did not explain why we had gotten the donations for so long before COVID-19.

**Volunteer Breakfast – April 20, 2023**

All volunteers who have helped in 2022 at the senior center will be invited to a continental breakfast in appreciation of their time and talent spent for the center.

**Recumbent Bike Purchase and Gym Reconfiguration**

Jennifer has ordered a new recumbent bike for the senior center's gym. A new reconfiguration will be done to accommodate the new bike when it is received. No time frame for delivery was given.

### **High Tea – May 11, 2023**

Jennifer announced the date for the High Tea and Patti informed the group of the food that would be served. No entertainment except appropriate music will be included for the tea as a tea is usually about conversation and light lunch food. 4 kinds of small sandwiches will be served along with a dessert. Mary volunteered to make cream puffs for the occasion. The tea will cost \$12 per person for those who attend.

### **Brunch Review**

Everyone at the meeting who attended the Brunch was very complimentary of the food and the way the brunch was set up. Jennifer noted that the event budget was very good with a small loss. Frugal but not cheap.

### **Kevin and Friends Sing Along Event**

This Library event will be held at the senior center and is scheduled for May 24 at 1:00. The duo will perform golden oldies of the 60's, 70's and beyond.

### **Summer Barbeque – June 22, 2023**

Jennifer asked the group to discuss food for the annual summer BBQ. Patti suggested hamburgers and brats (with grilled onions and sauerkraut) as the meat and baked beans, cold slaw and apple pie to go with them. Joanne volunteered to make the baked beans and will work with Patti to do so.

### **Starlight Tours Meeting**

Jennifer reviewed the center's Travel Club meeting with Starlight Tours. Patti reviewed the company's trips, costs and differences than current travel company, Diamond, and reviewed a Starlight day trip that is already scheduled for Four Winds Casino in Michigan on August 24. The cost will be \$48 with \$10 food voucher and \$15 casino voucher. Patti also mentioned that Starlight has a Milwaukee overnight trip scheduled for September.

No decision will be made regarding new travel company until after the Savannah trip in April/May.

### **Other Travel and Trip News**

Jennifer informed the group that she has met with Carol Stream regarding their trips, bus, and announcement of them to Glendale Heights. The goal is for residents of both towns to have access to both Carol Stream and Glendale Heights trips and events. More information to follow.

Leona commented positively on how much we all enjoyed the Morkes Chocolate candy class and bus trip recently.

### **Open House for Golf Course – May 22, 2023**

Jennifer informed the group that the open house to tour Glendale Lakes Golf course is scheduled and commented on the golf cart tours to be done. Joanne, Joe, Leona and Joan, volunteered to be golf cart drivers and do tours. It will be coordinated through the golf course staff and include snacks after tours. It will be a free event for senior center members.

### **Golf Clinic – Glendale Lakes Golf Course – July**

A second golf course free event will be held in July. (Date to be determined). There will be chipping and putting instructions and information about the golf club senior rates, times, etc.

### **New Business**

#### **Coffee and Conversation (Spanish Speaking)**

Jennifer reviewed the recent membership addition of Spanish-only speaking seniors. Since they are not bi-lingual she was suggesting a special Coffee and Conversation to be held for them to meet with other Spanish speaking members. The group had mixed reaction to the proposal with no clear sign of acceptance to the proposal. The issue is tabled until next month's meeting and will not be scheduled yet.

#### **Bingo Newsletter by Bruce Delaney, Bingo Participant**

Jennifer reviewed a request from one of the weekly Bingo players, Bruce Delaney, to start a Bingo newsletter with newsy information such as birthdays, player's events, etc. He has volunteered to write the newsletter at his own time/expense. Bruce is capable as he is already a published author of a Junior High-age children's book, *Valerie*, and has another one coming out shortly.

The committee had no issue with the request.

#### **Book Signing Event**

Jennifer requested opinions on having a book-signing event for Bruce Delaney at the Senior Center to highlight his talent and the current book, *Valerie* and his new book. The committee had no issue this suggestion. A date will be planned for the signing.

### **Anonymous Letter to Senior Center about Bingo**

Jennifer notified the committee of a distressing letter that she received anonymously stating very negative and derogatory comments about some of the Bingo participants at Wednesday Bingo. The letter was directed to those players who are handicapped or special needs and stated in harsh and crude language that they should be “thrown out of Bingo”. Jennifer was quite upset about the letter and, since it was anonymous, did not feel it needed a return response.

The committee agreed unanimously with Jennifer and clearly stated that all are welcome to the weekly Bingo.

### **Suggestions for Future Events**

Leona suggested a day trip to Lilacia Park in Lombard for the month of May when the lilacs are in bloom. It is a free park and close for a very doable day trip in senior center bus.

### **Dining in DuPage Comments**

Leona suggested that future Dining in DuPage restaurants confirm not only that they take separate checks, are open at lunch hours, and also what accommodations will be for large groups ( 20 or more). Some past restaurants did not provide appropriate and sufficient seating for our larger groups.

Ming Hing in Naperville was suggested as another Dining in DuPage restaurant as everyone who went before liked it so much.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2023 at 8:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Soo