

**Glendale Heights Center for Senior Citizens
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
September 27, 2023
Minutes**

PRESENT

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

Absent:

Pat Maritato
Leona Breede
Patti Pauling
Joe Toma

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am. Minutes of the August 23, 2023 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Construction Update

Keith gave an update on the senior center construction project. There will be a delay in completion due to NICOR needing to be involved because of a gas main remaining in the building rear. The construction company will meet on Friday with NICOR to get information on when they can be out to remove and replace the gas main. The plan is to move it farther from our building by at least 25 feet. NICOR is very backed up on work orders. The construction company will work on other areas while waiting for NICOR.

Participation Update

Senior Center Conference

Forty-eight managers from Illinois senior centers attended the conference held here at Glendale Heights center to communicate and exchange ideas about programs and activities of interest to seniors. This was the first meeting of the entire group since COVID ended.

Jennifer received an award from the group for the volunteer hours tracking program she initiated to invite seniors to volunteer and receive awards for volunteer hours.

Our senior center will initiate some of the projects and events shared. Senior Olympics is one event that we will use during the summer. It is a good event to invite high school kids to be involved (either seniors' families or local high schools). The committee liked this very much.

Exercise Classes

Jennifer reported that there are usually 45 people sign up for the exercise classes, but all do not regularly come to the classes. She will continue to have those that attend mark on the registration sheet to avoid classes being overcrowded.

Halloween Party – October 26, 2023

There have been 45 registered to date with 75 maximum for this event. Prontos Pizza will be served this year as we had Joseph's pizza last year. A dessert will be served by staff and entertainment is a Motown singer.

Holiday Luncheon – December 7, 2023

The luncheon will be held at Glendale Lakes Golf Course with village administrative staff serving seniors.

To date 117 have registered with 150 maximum allowed.

October Trivia – October 19, 2023

16 have registered to date.

September Senior Center Month Pop Ups

Wine and cheese event – 40 attended

Singing bowl event – sponsored by Glenside Library at senior center – 18 attended

Ice Cream Social – 90 people attended this year

Pop Up Movie (at Picture Show) – 37 took advantage of free ticket to see *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3*.

Karaoke – 24 attended

Hot Dog Party (at golf course) – 40 people attended

Dance party – Friday, September 29 – 24 registered

Staff Issues

Jennifer reported that the senior center staff is currently short due to medical and maternity leaves of some employees. Bob (bus driver) is training to do the computer and staff will defer payments and use paper to register some events to expedite

registrations. John has agreed to come in more and some part time staff will be scheduled, especially when Jennifer is on vacation.

Senior Center Day Trips

The Sports Hub trip flyer schedule was distributed at senior center to make sure seniors have access to Hub trips too. Hub trips are open to all ages over 18.

Seniors reported that they enjoyed the Milwaukee trip very much. The Pontiac trip is coming up October 19.

Overshadowed Theatre Plays in 2024

Since interest for the *White Christmas* play had sold out at 30 we increased the reservation to 40. Patti has reserved seats for three more plays coming to

Overshadowed in 2024:

Willy Wonka

Murder on the Orient Express

Fiddler on the Roof

Brad, the contact at Overshadowed, is very easy to work with and accommodates adding seats for our group as needed.

Non-members can pay \$5.00 to attend a senior center event.

New Business

The following will be included in the winter brochure and details discussed at future meetings:

January – Chili Bar Luncheon

February – Brunch

March – Murder Mystery Lunch Trip – Joliet location

April – Spring Fling Dance – Glendale Lakes Golf Course

This dance needs a theme. It will have elevated food served by the golf course caterers.

Trip Volunteer

Sharon Gradus has volunteered to research and coordinate day trips for the seniors. Jennifer brought some of her trip recommendations to the September Travel Club. She is very enthusiastically researching different kinds of trips to offer. The committee discussed this and agreed with Jennifer to have her trips offered as Pop Up events not affiliated with the senior center. Staff will create a flyer for her events but Sharon will register all interested parties and collect fees. Most of the committee members were aware of Sharon's efforts and will attend some of them.

Renaming the Senior Center to honor Mayor Linda Jackson

Keith reported that since the Village Board's passage of the recommendation to rename the senior center many village residents have inquired why it has not been done.

Budget and construction issues will need to be finalized, but it will be changed per the drawing shown at the board meeting when it was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.

The next meeting is October 25, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Soo

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