

**Glendale Heights Center for Senior Citizens
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
January 24, 2024
Minutes**

PRESENT

Keith Knautz
Jennifer Alagna
Pat Maritato
Mary Schroeder
Leona Breede
Lavonna Hawkins
Joan Kernan
Joanne Soo
Joe Toma

Absent:

Patti Pauling

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am. Minutes of the October 25, 2023 meeting and the November 5, 2024 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Construction Update

Jennifer and Keith gave an update on the senior center's construction project. The foundation in the back is under way. There has been a break for the recent snow and cold weather. They are currently digging up the patio. The next two things are bricking off the back wall and framing the back. The project is delayed 108 days because of the NICOR pipe issue. The current date to finish is March 17, 2024. Keith commented that the construction company has responsive and is very good. The inside renovations will be done in late February. So far the project is on budget.

Adult Trip Update

New Orleans Bus Trip – April 2024 – 46 registered; 26 hotel rooms

New England Cruise – September 2024 – 21 registered

Alaska Cruise – September 2024 – 15 registered

The next steps will be to coordinate cruises' excursion trips. The Travel Club meetings will break into New England and Alaska cruises in the next few months.

There are rooms left for the cruises but not at the special rates offered last summer. All fares include air fare.

Participation Update

Chili Lunch – January 25, 2024 – 62 registered. The menu is chili, (with buffet for chili add-ons, corn bread, dessert and drink. Pat, Joan, Joanne and LaVonna offered to volunteer.

Brunch – February 22, 2024 - 75 registered

Menu:

Ham carving station

Pastry station

Fruit and juice (orange and tomato)

Scrambled Eggs

Biscuits and Gravy

Bacon

Hash brown casserole

Coffee/tea

Willy Wonka Play at Overshadowed Theatre – January 27, 2024 - 6 registered

The registrations for the play this time is much less than White Christmas as it is January and a play targeting children. The next play, Murder on the Orient Express will probably get a lot more interest.

St. Paddy's Day Party – March 14, 2024 – 54 registered

Hollywood Red Carpet Evening Gala – April 25, 2024 – 9 registered

The dinner will be held at the senior center with fancier food than usual events. The group discussed options for a nicer menu keeping it within a reasonable budget. There will be a fancy salad bar for sure. Jennifer will look at caterers and get options for some different items.

Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2024

Jennifer confirmed the 2024 monthly meetings will be on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 8:30am at the Senior Center. The group agreed to keep the day and time the same as we have been having.

Bingo Equipment

Jennifer will need to talk to Bingo people as the bingo equipment is getting old and needing repair or replacement. An estimate of \$700 for repair was gotten, and she is

also looking at the cost for getting new equipment. She may investigate the electronic systems available. Some of the group had attended the Buona Beef Bingo and explained how their electronic equipment worked. She will contact them and the local VFW who has bingo to see about their equipment.

Holiday Lunch Review

Jennifer asked for the group's opinion on the food for the lunch this year. Comments were not positive in a number of areas. Keith explained that some of the issues, especially that the food was cold, were due to the way we set up the serving. By using the administrative staff of the village, the timing for the caterer's staff was disrupted. This will be a training issue and should be resolved for next year.

The group suggested that we should not serve pork again for such a large group and decided to go back to the holiday dinner, turkey, as we have had in the past. It was always well received. Keith will talk to the caterer about prices and menu for next year.

Salon Prices

The beauty salon prices will go up as of mid-February:

Haircuts - \$2.00 more

Chemical (perms and Colors) - \$5.00 more

Panera Bread

The donations from Panera Bread will start again. No date set. We have applied for the 501c3 status and when we receive the number we will contact Panera to start deliveries.

The next meeting will be February 28, 2024 at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Soo