

**Glendale Heights Center for Senior Citizens  
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting  
May 29, 2024  
Minutes**

**PRESENT**

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

**Absent:**

Pat Maritato

The meeting was called to order at 8:33am. The minutes of the April 22, 2024 special finance meeting and the April 24, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved with one change: Discussion of the Senior Center perks for volunteers and hours was not discussed but was intended to be discussed in a future meeting.

**Construction Update**

Jennifer updated the group on the latest activity and status of the project. The AV system is finished but outdoor speakers are not working. We are waiting for a rack that holds data components. Cabinet adjustments are needed. Landscaping is done. Meals on Wheels staff will have a special space for storage now. Bathroom automatic doors still need to be done.

**Adult Trips – Travel Club**

Travel Club this month was for the cruise people assistance to register and online check in. Optional medical insurance was discussed and recommended. Travel club will return to its original purpose to discuss trips and future trips at next meeting. Patti and Jennifer will not attend in the future.

Patti reported that the next trip in April 2025 will be a bus trip to Washington, D C. There will be not cruise next year.

### **Participation Update (Sign up now in all classes)**

Keith and Friends - 45

Ageless Grace – Tues beginner – 4; Advanced - 8

Walk a mile – 8-10: 8:30 and 12: 9:30

Sit and Get Fit – 28

Tai chi – 24

Yoga – 26

Ladies Pool – 5

Samba (sign up sheet; good interest; 3<sup>rd</sup> week of month

Soup and Salad -65 – Sr Ctr made \$325 on event!

Jody – 4 sewing

Exercise and Nutrition – 11

A pool table was donated by a member but was not usable.

### **Panera Fund Raiser**

The group decided on a Thursday date for the fund raiser, 4:00pm – 8:00pm. Joanne will coordinate a date and let Jennifer know. Staff will schedule online and make the flyers to be distributed for those that want to attend. It was decided to do Panera fund raiser in July and the Texas Roadhouse fund raiser in September for National Senior Center month.

### **Texas Roadhouse Fund Raiser**

Jennifer reviewed the event with the group. The restaurant will be opened at 12:00N for our group only as was the last fundraiser we had there. Jennifer will post a menu for participants to choose from and pay the senior center directly (approximately \$21.00).

Other suggestions for fund raisers: Jersey Mike's on Army Trail and Rainbow Ice Cream.

### **Concerts in the Park**

Glendale Heights will again have the weekly concerts at Camera Park on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. June 12 will be a special senior night with a special section for seniors to sit and free bags of peanuts donated by Texas Roadhouse.

### **LIHEAP Applications**

Jennifer explained the LIHEAP program for discounts on electric and gas utilities. A representative will come here to sign up those that are qualified in the income based program.

### **DSCC Lunch and Learn – June 24, 2024**

DSCC has scheduled a musical lunch and learn, Celebrate Motown. Lunch will be \$5.00 donation along with the music program.

### **Small Group Rentals**

Jennifer reviewed the proposed addition of small group or club rentals of the community room on down times during the weekdays. These would be for church or other small group that need a meeting room and would be at a lower rental rate than customary.

### **Volunteer Hours Tracking and Perks**

The group discussed the volunteer program in place including perks for the number of hours spent volunteering to the senior center. Jen explained the program which she was given an award from Illinois Senior Center Group. The issue of how volunteer hours were being recorded was discussed and whether Sharon Gradus' outside events should continue to be included under senior center volunteer hours since her events are outside of the senior center. A definition of appropriate volunteer hours and parameters for recording and perks is needed. Currently there is a volunteer breakfast and additional perks according to the number of hours volunteering. Keith and Jen will put together a proposal for volunteer hour tracking and perks for volunteers to discuss in the next meeting.

### **Rumors**

Jennifer alerted the groups to the fact that there are some comments being brought to her that are not true. i.e. the senior center is closing; prices are going up, and comments from the committee meetings which should be kept private, and not discussed outside meetings.

### **Neighborhood Senior Centers**

Jennifer commented on other senior center membership prices and other information and had several newsletters available for review.

### **New Orleans Bus Trip Coffee Get together**

There will be a special Coffee on a future morning to invite all the people who went on the New Orleans bus trip in April. Monday is a good day to set the event. Several of the travelers are not senior center members and have gone on some of our trips. It's a good time to let them see what other activities are available to senior center members.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2024 at 8:30am

Meeting was adjourned at 9:52am.

Respectfully submitted, Joanne Soo