

**Glendale Heights Center for Senior Citizens
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 19, 2018
Minutes**

PRESENT:

Deb McKenzie
Leona Breede
Bimla Gupta
Lavonna Hawkins
Joan Kernan
Pat Maritato
Joanne Soo

Absent:

Karyn Hilborn
Mary Schroeder
Joe Toma

The meeting was called to order at 8:35am by Debbie McKenzie.

The minutes from October 24, 2018 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Christmas Lunch Review

The group commented on the Christmas lunch held December 13. The group enjoyed the food and especially the entertainer, Sandy. Deb notified the Committee that she is booked for 2020 as she is already booked for 2019. Comments were made regarding the raffle tickets being so many different colors making it difficult to check tickets.

A suggestion regarding a fund raiser for the Senior Center was made by the Manager of Outback restaurant when Leona went to get the gift cards for the raffle. Deb will check with administration to see if it is ok to do a fund raiser by asking members to eat at certain restaurants. Deb will also add Outback to the Dining in DuPage locations.

Activity Guide – Jan to April

The guide is due to be out this week. Some ideas made were too late and might be research for future activity guides:

Little Traveler
Lake Geneva

Scarecrow Fest
Geneva
Galena

Sports Fridays

Wintrust in Bloomingdale sponsored the baseball Sports Fridays with \$60 gift cards. There is no sponsor for football months yet.

Trips

Casino and Branson trips are ready to be registered for. There were comments regarding the expense of the Branson trip even with not many meals included.

Events and Opportunities

Deb asked the Committee to encourage members to go to the future events:

Souper Bowl – DSCC lunch – January 28, 2019

Dining in DuPage

Activity Guide trips and events

Tax Rebate for utilities

Refer a Friend at the beauty shop \$5.00 to member who refers client

AARP Tax Appts –

Appointments will be taken starting January, 2019. Appointments will be twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday starting in February.

Library Programs

In March Glenside Library will do a program featuring radio history, The group requested the painting and cooking library programs to be done again.

Holiday Hours

Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25, 2018 both Senior Center and Village will be closed. The Hub will be open.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – Senior Center and Village will be closed.

Upcoming events:

January

Dining in DuPage – January 3

DSCC Souper Bowl – January 28

February

Utility tax rebate program begins – February 1

Dining in DuPage – Hibachi Grill February 7

Refer a Friend for beauty shop starts – February 1

March

Dining in DuPage – Pricilla’s – March 7
Golden Age of Radio – March 19
Pizza and Bingo – March 21
April
Dining in DuPage – Ming Hin – April 4
Super Senior Mobile Unit – April 9
Free Auto Inspection – April 13
Dessert n Cram Tea – April 23 at Café K’Tizo

Deb informed the group that she will be on vacation from December 31 to January 15.

Deb notified the group that there will be no Panera bread deliveries for the next two weeks. Volunteer help will be needed in January as Joe and Leona will be out of town. Pat volunteered to help LaVonna and Joan. Pat will go January 15 to start.

Deb notified the group that there is snow plow company available for seniors to call to clear snow. Members can call the center to get the name of the company. Leona also has another name to give Deb for the seniors to use.

Walk a Mile will remain Tuesday and Thursday with signs being put up when the room is not available.

The next meeting will be January 23, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34am

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Soo

No new line dancing instructor has been hired due to expensive fees charged.

All exercise activities are full and well attended. The group discussed exercise activities, walking, Hub, bocce and ping pong. Walk-a-Mile and Forever Fit registrations will be looked at because the registration is high but those registered do not attend regularly. Exercise activities do not bring in revenue, new members or members who attend activities regularly. In the future enrollment for Walk-

a-Mile and Forever Fit will be limited but not for bocce or ping pong. The group discussed the schedule for Walk-a-Mile being changed to Tuesday. The implementation of Walk-a-Mile five years ago on Tuesday only was reviewed. Because it was so well received it evolved into Tuesday and Thursday. In the future the class may be only on Tuesday. There was mixed reaction to that notice by the group.

All activities at the Hub require Senior Center membership and swipe-in when attending. The swipe-in will be better monitored at both the Hub and Center. Everyone will need to swipe in their card except the DSCC volunteers and non-member community dining guests.

The group discussed the bread and other free items. Debbie commented that the bread giveaway on Wednesday is an issue as it is not being limited to members and some that come in for bread do not swipe in or stay for activities.

Senior Center Month Surveys

Debbie included the comments from the member surveys taken in September in the minutes packet. The group can review and give comments to Debbie.

Secretary of State Mobile Unit

The event was well attended again this October with 50 drivers licenses and ID cards processed. The Secretary of State has already scheduled April and October 2019 dates and commented that this is the best facility to work in.

The State of Illinois training went well as stated by the thank you note received.

Halloween Party – 10/25/18

55 registered

The group discussed certification for food service. Joe, Leona, Lavonna and Joan have been scheduled for being Panera bread organizers on Tuesday. Joanne asked a question regarding whether we will be asked to volunteer to serve at parties again and whether it was necessary to recertify if we were not going to be asked to volunteer. Debbie said we are welcome to recertify but not necessary.

Dining in DuPage

The latest restaurant visited, Bohemian Crystal, was very well attended. Leona commented that it is nice to go to different places with different kinds of food.

Craft Fair – 11/14/18

Debbie asked the group to promote the Craft Fair on November 14.

Holiday Party Raffle Prizes and Gifts

Debbie commented that the letters were sent to various businesses soliciting gift cards for raffle prizes and followed up with a list of the businesses contacted (attached to minutes). Thus far only one

business sent in a gift card. Debbie invited the group to go out to solicit as we had done in the past. The group divided up places to go and will bring in the gift cards to Debbie.

Debbie notified the group that the calendars will still be given out as the gift this year at the Party because a survey showed that the majority of members use them and still want them.

Panera Bread Organization – Tuesday

The issue of where to pack and organize the bread from Panera on Tuesday, Nov 5 for Election Day was discussed. A request was made to keep it in the kitchen in community room. Debbie stated that it will be in the kitchen as the election commission will be receiving voters in the library this year.

Future meetings

There will be no meeting in November. The choices for the next meeting were Dec 19 or Jan 16, 2019. Debbie stated she will not be here for Jan meeting. The group decided to meet next on Dec 19 at 8:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Soo