

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

**May 26, 2021
Minutes**

PRESENT

Jennifer Alagna
Leona Breede
Lavonna Hawkins
Joan Kernan
Mary Schroeder - Trustee
Joanne Soo

Absent:

Pat Maritato- Trustee
Patti Pauling
Joe Toma

The meeting was called to order at 12:30.

The minutes of April 28, 2021 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics at the Hub

The vaccine clinics continue. Three were held in May allowing 12+ aged children to now be vaccinated. Over 90% of the DuPage County Seniors are now vaccinated. On June 11 the governor will announce the new Illinois COVID-19 rules regarding mask, social distancing and opening of attendance requirements.

Walk a Mile Class and Forever Fit Class Updates

Starting on June 1 there will be a total of 15 participants including in the 8:30am class and 9:30am Tuesday Walk-a-Mile and Forever Fit Monday and Wednesday 10:00am classes.

Openings at Senior Center

The doors are now open to enter the Senior Center. Only temperatures are taken and no forms need completion. There is a requirement of a one- time sign up for all events prior to joining activities. This is needed for contact tracing.

Games are now back including ping pong, pool room, and bocce. Open sewing, crafts and Dining in DuPage have also opened. The first Dining in DuPage is tomorrow with a bus capacity of three riders only.

Lunches

Lunches to residents are going out now. School District 15 had helped financially but now DSCC has their budget back.

Activity Guide

The Spring/Summer Activity Guide is out. All errors that were discovered were corrected at the online website. The Drury Lane June play was not scheduled in 2021 but 2022.

Community Room Rentals

As of May 14, 2021 75 people are now allowed in the community room—60% of the capacity. 10 Parties were booked in May.

Salon Coordinator – Sandy Moss

The new salon coordinator started on April 26, 2021 and fully booked. Her hours are M-F 9:00am to 5:00pm with the last appt at 4:00pm. The salon follows State of Illinois guidelines.

Face book Question

There was a question whether the Senior Center could have a Face book page on the Village Face book (FB) account. Village said no as is very complicated. Maybe the Senior Center can have a blurb on the Village's FB account in order to advertize events and activities better. The Center needs to bring back people since COVID and attract new members. Jennifer commented that there are new members coming in.

It is hoped that after the June 11 governor's announcement regarding the new phase requirements starting July 1 there will be more openings including Bingo and more people at events. It was noted that Bloomingdale has opened their Bingo again. The Village will need to post widely the July 1 opening changes.

New Business Not on Agenda:

Collaboration with Library and HUB

Jennifer has been out to meet with all center groups,(exercisers, crafters, gamers) to make sure there is communication to all. She has met with the Library Director and will collaborate with them to bring programs and events for Seniors to the Senior Center through the Library budget. Jennifer will give the Library Director the information on several programs (Rochelle Pennington, Leslie Goddard and John Boda) the Seniors would like to schedule at Senior Center.

The Library has begun a home bound book program where they will bring media to homebound residents including books, movies and periodicals. Jennifer helped by giving the meals on wheels senior list to the Library.

The Senior Center as registered several members for the Library's Tae Chi class to be held on June 22. If it is well attended Jennifer will schedule a program for the Senior Center.

Jennifer passed out the Library Program Guide to the group.

The Hub will have a children's cooking class held in the Senior Center kitchen.

Italian Fest – June 10, 2021

Since this is scheduled before the governor's new phase announcement, the number of people allowed is an issue. Outdoor allows 25 people only. It was decided to have two separate events on the same day: 11:00-12:30 and 12:45-2:00. Registration will be for both times and allow 25 people at each. Registrations are open now.

Valle has given great discounts and can provide sub sandwich and/or salad in a pre-packaged box. It was also suggested to try Prontos. Mary will contact John at Prontos to see if he can do it and forward him to Jennifer.

Patti coordinates events and parties but will be out for several more weeks due to a medical issue.

Advisory Committee Meeting Time and Membership

The group discussed the time and decided that 12:30 was the best. The meetings will be monthly on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 12:30pm in the Senior Center.

Jennifer asked the group if there should be more members added to the committee. There is some confusion regarding the how members are chosen and added and how many there needs to be on the committee. Historically there has not been an exact procedure to adding members or any by-laws in effect. There were by-laws drafted and reviewed in previous years but not passed by the Village Board. Jennifer does now have some applications to join the committee, and she will check with the Village regarding requirements for number of members and procedure to add new members as well as the by-law issue.

Volunteer Hours and Tracking

Jennifer commented that there is no tracking system for the Center to maintain accurate information on volunteer hours needed to report to the State. Jennifer would like to automate it to lessen paper used for reporting. She will check with the Library to see how they track volunteer hours.

Mary will invite the new Mayor to attend the Advisory Committee Meeting and also to attend a senior center event to meet seniors.

Fund Raising Event

Jennifer discussed the possibility to hold a fund raising event at the Texas Roadhouse in Bloomingdale. They have offered to hold a private lunch for just the Senior Center and include a full lunch with entrée, 2 sides, non-alcoholic drink and gratuity for \$15.50 a person. The center must guarantee minimum of 20 people.

The Committee unanimously agreed to go forward with it. Jennifer will contact them and set up a date to be on a Wednesday in the summer.

Leona reported that Outback in Bloomingdale and Fannie Mae in Carol Stream would like to do a fund raiser for us too. Jennifer will contact them.

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 3, 2021 at 12:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Soo