

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

**September 22, 2021
Minutes**

PRESENT

Jennifer Alagna
Leona Breede
Lavonna Hawkins
Joan Kernan
Patti Pauling
Joanne Soo
Joe Toma

Absent:

Pat Maritato
Mary Schroeder

Guest:

Chodri Ma Khokhar, Village President

The meeting was called to order at 12:30.

The minutes of the August 25, 2021 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Other Business:

Rentals with 130 people were allowed. Eleven parties were booked in July.

The BBQ event was very successful with 56 people attending.

Dining in DuPage went to Delicious Fusion and had 18 members attend. Six were bussed.

Thirteen volunteers signed the volunteer book with a total of 86 volunteer hours logged.

Unfinished Business:

Halloween Party – October 26, 2021

The committee members sampled various dinner food choices from Pietanza Italian restaurant, a possible new food vendor for the party. They provide party food in bundles priced to include pasta, a meatball and chicken selection. The committee unanimously voted to use them for the Halloween party with a selection of pasta with red sauce, meatballs, chicken vesuvio, and salad with dressing and French bread as the menu.

Volunteers for the Halloween party were needed. Joe, Joanne, Joan, Lavonna and Leona volunteered.

There will be Halloween costume prizes for several categories: scariest, funniest, couple's costume, and a new prize for the best T Shirt decoration. There will also be a parade of costumes added to the event before the judging is done.

Ice Cream Social – September 23, 2021

The ice cream social will also be a celebration of the 10 years +1 anniversary of the Senior Center. Cupcakes will also be served. A cupcake tower was made by Valle. The Mayor will attend the event and station himself near the cupcake table to have an opportunity to greet and chat with member guests.

Patti will coordinate event as usual. Volunteers are needed to check in, scoop ice cream and add toppings. Joe, Joanne, Joan, Lavonna, and Leona volunteered. Cecil Hawkins and Bill Soo will volunteer also.

Memory Book

Patti reviewed the past memory book that was done as a Christmas Memory book. She distributed a list of questions (attached) to include in a new memory book which could be done using very general questions of the members' past. The committee members took the list to review and discuss at the next meeting. Patti would like to begin the distribution of the list and compilation of the responses after next month's meeting.

Exercises

Sit and Fit, Yoga and Tae Chi were added in September. Tuesday is an all exercise day with Walk a Mile at 8:30 and 9:30 and Sit and fit at 1:00. Leona commented on how much she liked Sit and Fit and how it brought in new members to exercise and meet. Jennifer is committed to exercise programs for the senior members. Yoga and Tae Chi were very well attended as well and very well received by participants.

Jennifer informed the group that surveys were provided at the exercise classes in September to be completed for feedback from members. The committee members who exercise stated that there were no surveys at any exercise classes to date.

Bus Transportation

There is no information on the hiring of a new bus driver for the senior center. Members have access to Dial a Bus or Pace to get rides as needed. Dial a Bus needs a 48 hour notice.

Dining in DuPage

The next Dining in DuPage is October 7 with the lunch at Venuti's in Addison. Jennifer asked the committee's opinion as to whether non-members can attend Dining in DuPage lunches and other trips. The committee unanimously agreed that there is no problem with non-members attending those events outside of our building, but felt the non-members should be limited to seniors only. Jennifer will see there are surveys made available to be completed.

Holiday Luncheon – December 2, 2021

Patti explained that there is a severe shortage of work staff at the golf course where the luncheon is held. Volunteers from our group are needed to set up tables either before or the night before. There was no immediate response to volunteer from the committee. Jennifer will work on getting enough help.

There will be a raffle as usual and door prizes are needed. Jennifer discussed the committee's assistance in the past to get gift cards from local restaurants, etc. She mentioned using the resources of the crafters in the center to do raffle items with only a few gift cards. There was a suggestion to also have gift baskets to raffle. If any committee members would like to go out to get gift cards Jennifer will provide an introductory letter for them to take. There will be more to come on the raffle items issue in next meeting.

Bake Sale

The committee asked if we can do another bake sale before the Holiday Lunch to use the proceeds to get gift cards from restaurants, etc. Jennifer will look into the feasibility of a bake sale with the current COVID restrictions. It would need to be early November to allow for time to get prizes for raffle on December 2.

Bingo

Jennifer was happy that Bingo started but reported some issues among the seniors who attended. The new caller and no snacks provided were not well received, but after a few weeks it is getting better. One issue was that non-members were stopped and asked to join the center. 35 people attended.

Senior Center Month – September

Jennifer reviewed the month and pop up activities done every Friday. The Movie and Game Day as well as the Wine and Cheese event were really successful. The committee mentioned how much they enjoyed the Wine and Cheese event and asked to have another one sometime again. They applauded Jennifer for being so involved in the event and going to speak to all the attendees.

The next meeting is October 27, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Soo