

**Glendale Heights Center for Senior Citizens
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
March 26, 2025**

PRESENT

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

Guest: Anndel Rang

ABSENT:

Keith Krantz
Pat Maritato
Patti Pauling
Joe Toma

The minutes of the February 25, 2025 and revised minutes of January 22, 2025 meetings were reviewed and approved.

Volunteer Breakfast and Volunteer Hours

The 2025 Volunteer Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2025 at 9:00am.

Jennifer also discussed needing a definition of volunteer hours and will put on the agenda for the April meeting. Once the committee has defined volunteer hours they can be announced and be put in to practice starting on the new fiscal year on May 1, 2025. There are currently 33 volunteers on the list and more and more people are asking to volunteer. Jennifer is currently looking for the volunteers with talent to share with members in classes or events. In that regard Joan commented on the most recent paint class and was happy that it was so well attended and received positive comments. Jennifer will be buy more paint

Participation Update

St. Patrick's Day Lunch – 92 registered; 102 attended with government officials and candidates attending. The party was very successful even though the room was very full. The group commented that they were pleased with how it turned out and were able to assist anyone who needed help with the buffet.

Bingo – 47

Book Club – 16. The room will be changed permanently to the craft room to accommodate the greater number that attend as the library is limited to 11 people by occupation standards.

Unfinished Business

Derby Party – Thursday, May 8, 2025

The May event will be held the second Thursday in conjunction with the Kentucky Derby race held May 3. The charge is \$12.00 and will include hors d'oeuvres and chauterie tray buffet with wine and beer for sale. The theme is derby party so those attending are encouraged to dress in the fancy hats and dress of the derby day is welcome. We will show the Kentucky Derby race and have fun games as well. Jennifer will research the money issue rules for the games. We may be able to use the same system used for the prizes every week in bingo. Kathy will make centerpieces using the funds collected from the sale of St. Patrick's Day centerpieces. This is a good way to fund the centerpiece making for parties.

Fund Raiser – Spavones – Thursday, April 10, 2025

Registrations for the lunch are filling up and being well received. A discount lunch price was passed on to the members with the senior center still getting some of the total sales too. The committee did not think this fund raiser would be a time to do a raffle to since the food cost was more expensive than normal.

New Business

Travel Club River Cruise – Thursday, June 12, 2025 A POP UP Trip

The last month's travel club members finalized details of the Washington DC trip with two busses going and all staying in the same hotel. They also talked about day trips made plans for a bus trip and a river cruise in Moline, Illinois. There were 22 interested from travel club. This will be the maximum that can go and we will get a NEDSRA bus if we get to the limit of 28 people. The price is \$65.00 for a 4 hour cruise and lunch and \$15 for the bus ride. This will not be listed in the activity guide and be considered a pop up event.

Police Department Tour, Monday, April 14 2025, 1:00pm

The police department will be doing a lunch and learn at 11:30 that day and the tour will be at 1:00pm. There is a limited number of signups for the tour and you do not need to go to the lunch and learn first.

Mexican Dance Demo and Farmers Market, Friday, April 11, 2025

In connection with April's International Month, we will have an authentic Mexican dance demonstration with costumes and a Farmers Market starting at 6:00pm in the community room. It is currently only open to senior members.

Shorewood Towers Apt Visit

Jennifer will go to Shorewood towers to visit the seniors there and review the senior center and village senior services.

Operation Round Up – May 3, 2025

The VFW will do a program here, Operation Round Up, reviewing all services available to veterans on May 3, 2025 from 10:00 am -3:00pm.

Grant - \$5,455

Jennifer announced that the senior center received a \$5,455 grant to use for making a special room for the SHIP appointments to allow for privacy during the meetings.

2026 Budget

Jennifer reported that she has completed the 2026 budget starting May 1, 2025 and the village accepted it as is.

Family and Faith Church and Food Pantry

Once a month Joe and Bob take 13 senior members to the food pantry in the bus to get food.

Follow Up Issues for Future Meetings

Leona had several issues which can be discussed at future meetings. Some are follow up from previous meetings and are not as yet completed.

Village Board Liaison Trustee. Since Mary Schroeder will no longer be District 6 Trustee will she remain on the senior center committee? Who will replace her as the Board Liaison?

Issue of senior center loss which was not completely addressed for 2026 budget. The Board tabled it until after the April 1 election.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new name: Linda Jackson Center for Senior Citizens

Jennifer commented that the ceremony will be coordinated through the village public relations staff for a naming event.

A senior center committee picture

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 3, 2025 at 8:30am. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Soo