

Social Committee Meeting
August 9, 2022

Present: Connie Baran-Gerez, Nancy Fairman, Suzanne Harding, Rick Holt, Janine Schweitzer, Rosemary Wilderspin

Regrets: Alan Cohen, Sanjay Luthra, H el ene Reis, Bernd Rummel

1. Rick and the Committee welcomed new member Connie. As a new resident, Connie offers a fresh and important perspective on condo events
2. Agenda was approved
3. Review of Wine and Food Pairing – July 16
 - A resounding success by all accounts
 - The evening event was enjoyed by 42 participants, many of whom were new to the Landmark and/or were attending this signature event for the first time
 - Nametags were very helpful; thanks to Janine for preparing them in advance
 - The curated pairings were wonderful, and the weather was perfect
4. Future Events
 - Patio Potluck: Saturday August 13, 6:00pm; rain date Sunday August 14
 - As only 11 residents have signed up to participate, the event will be a small, convivial dinner party
 - Janine reviewed the menu contributions to ensure that there would be a balance of course options
 - All should be easily eaten with only a fork or spoon, no cutting
 - BYO plates/bowls, cutlery, and napkins; paper plates will be provided for the dessert course
 - The Committee will offer a red and a white wine to accompany the meal, as well as water
 - Rick and Janine reviewed the wine inventory and will share the responsibility for storing and chilling it, as necessary

- Suzanne will give Connie the tablecloth weights and the tablecloths for the large dining table and bistro tables in advance
 - Paper plates for the dessert course and glass jugs for water are in cupboards in the lounge
 - Rick, Janine, and Connie will meet to arrange the patio furniture at 5:00pm
- Pizza in Piazza: Saturday September 10, 5:00pm; rain date Sunday September 11
 - Nancy and Rosemary will order a selection of pizza from Wooden Heads based on last year's successful choices
 - Suzanne will prepare crudité platters
 - Alan will source lemon biscotti; if they are unavailable, Rick will purchase chocolates
 - Participants will be asked to bring their own plate, napkin and beverage of choice
 - Rick will prepare a poster and sign-up sheet to post after the Patio Potluck
- Landmark Swap: Saturday September 24; 4:00-7:00pm
 - As in past years, Suzanne and Gordon will run this event in the lobby, just prior to the end of the Annual Landmark Declutter (September 19 to 25)
 - Suzanne will post signage for both the Declutter and the Swap prior to the Labour Day weekend
 - Suzanne will speak with Armando regarding use of the unfilled area of Storage Room 3 for the Declutter week and the subsequent disposal of non-reusable items at the hazardous waste facility and the dump

5. Fall/Winter Events

- Committee members discussed the resumption of trivia nights and travelogues, hopefully in-person in the lounge
- Participating residents are already preparing quizzes for October, November, January, and February, and the Committee continues to

encourage residents to present travelogues to an eager Landmark audience

- The Committee agreed that in-house movies would be welcome during the darker months, and Rick suggested possible themes and ways to request recommendations
- All three events would be held monthly (on second, third, and fourth Wednesdays) from October to April, with the exception of December
- Also discussed, was the idea of an afternoon movie at The Screening Room, followed by dinner in a restaurant on the “movie Wednesday” in November

6. Festive Potluck

- Based on the success of last year’s outdoor celebration, the challenges in planning a large indoor event for a time when restrictions may be reimposed, and the inherent insular nature of a sit-down dinner, the Committee decided to repeat the December 2021 event, with a slight twist
- The Committee chose Saturday December 10 for the Festive Outdoor Celebration (inclement weather date, December 11) from 2:00 to 4:00pm
- As last year, the Committee would prepare mulled cider, Glögg, and Glühwein, and participants would be asked to bring their own mug to enjoy a warm beverage
- New this year, participants would be asked to indicate on the sign-up sheet whether they would contribute a savoury or sweet finger food
- All will be discussed further in the fall

7. Other Business

- Connie raised the question of how best to make new participants feel included when attending social events for the first time
- Committee members will consider ways to encourage mixing and mingling between established and new residents during events, and will share ideas at the next meeting

The next meeting of the Social Committee will be held outdoors (weather permitting) on Tuesday, September 13 at 10:00am