

# Social Committee Meeting Minutes

## June 13, 2023

Present: Wendy Baker (occasional member), Connie Baran-Gerez, Alan Cohen, Rick Holt, Merle Koven, Rosemary Wilderspin, Janine Schweitzer (recording secretary)

Regrets: Suzanne Harding

1. Agenda was approved

**2. Past Events were discussed:**

- AGM Reception, May 25 (~ 25 persons attended)
  
- June 10 – Ice Cream Social
  - Alan was thanked for organizing the event
  - The event was held in the Landmark Lounge due to cool weather.
  - 28 persons attended. 6 Landmark residents indicated that they would attend but did not.
  - Attendees enjoyed the ice cream and appreciated the opportunity to chat with neighbours.
  - Feedback was discussed:
    - Name tags were well received.
    - Holding the draw at the end of the evening was an excellent way to encourage attendees to stay and socialize and provided an easy way to distribute leftover ice cream.
    - Consider holding the 2024 the event later in the summer to increase the likelihood of warmer weather.
    - It was suggested that the number of flavour choices on the sign-up sheet be limited, possibly based on popularity of flavours. The most popular flavours this year were strawberry, seascape, and vanilla. Alan will consider this suggestion.

**3. Future Events were discussed:**

- July 16 – Wine and Food Pairing
  - Rick, Janine, Suzanne, Merle, will meet on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the lounge to organize the event
  - Rick will consult Bernd for wine choices
  - Alan offered to purchase port. He and Rick will discuss.
  
- Sunday August 20, 3:30 pm – A Peachy Idea
  - Merle is coordinating this event and was thanked for doing so.
  - It will be held on the main floor of Chez Piggy, eliminating the need for attendees to climb stairs or be bothered by wasps on the patio.
  - Chez Piggy has kindly offered to provide attendees with individual bills.

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- A Peachy Idea (continued)
  - Due to space limitations, the capacity will be limited to 25 people.
  - Rick will post a sign-up sheet approximately one month before the event.
  - The sign-up sheet will state clearly that those who sign up and do not attend will be charged for the cost of the pie, beverage and tip. Merle will collect this money, as required.
- Sunday September 10, 6 p.m. – Pizza in Piazza (note time change from 5:00 p.m.)
  - We still need an organizer. Connie may consider being the organizer, pending receiving more information.
  - Assuming that the event goes ahead, the menu will feature pizza from Woodenheads and crudities.
  - Janine will contact Nancy Fairman, past organizer of this event, to obtain information about number and types of pizzas ordered and any other helpful information. Janine will communicate this information to Connie.
  - **NOTE: Following the meeting** Rick provided the following information:
    - Number of pizzas ordered should be the number of attendees X 0.6
    - Woodenheads pizzas should be cut into 6 pieces, not the usual

#### 4. Possible early fall events were discussed:

- Pub night
  - No consensus about whether to proceed. For discussion at a future meeting.
- Fish and Chip Night
  - Alan would like to hold this event in the Lounge; however, there was no consensus about moving forward. Further discussion required/
  - In addition to, or as an alternative to, a Landmark Fish and Chip night, it was suggested that the Social Committee consider approaching The Pilot House to ask about the feasibility of having a Landmark gathering there. No consensus was reached about proceeding. This idea would require more discussion at a future meeting.
- Game Nights
  - Merle suggested that Bingo would be a fun NEW event, not necessarily replacing another type of game night. There was enthusiastic support for the idea of having a Bingo night.
  - Merle will investigate the cost of renting bingo equipment.
  - Connie will investigate if Rivera (St. Lawrence Place) might have equipment to borrow and/or helpful information about how to proceed.
- Other ideas

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- Merle suggested that the Social Committee consider introducing two NEW events. There was support for this idea. It was not discussed if these NEW events would be in addition to all current events or would replace one or more.
  - A number of ideas were proposed. No decisions were made. Further discussion would be required about all ideas:
    - Other ideas (continued)
      - Boat cruise on a St. Lawrence Cruise Lines craft. Attendees would pay their own fares. Wendy will investigate ticket prices
      - High tea at The O'Connor House English Tea Room. Transportation would have to be arranged because of liability issues with Landmark residents driving neighbours.
      - A barbeque on the patio. This idea has been raised many times. There are city bylaws that present barriers to proceeding; also, past experience has shown that some Landmark residents are not supportive of barbeque smoke and odours.
      - Activity clubs, e.g. walking club or cooking club
      - Janine volunteered to draft a survey of Landmark residents to assess interest in some of these ideas (and incurring the relevant costs) and to seek input about other events for consideration by the Social Committee. Janine will send an initial draft survey to Social Committee members to seek input and feedback before the next Social Committee meeting.
    - Travelogues, trivia, movies
      - Not discussed. For discussion at a future meeting.
8. Next meeting – July 12, 10 a.m. **(NOTE: Change in date)**
9. Adjourn