

Social Committee Meeting  
October 3, 2023

Present: Connie Baran-Gerez, Alan Cohen, Suzanne Harding, Rick Holt, Merle Koven, Janine Schweitzer

Regrets: Rosemary Wilderspin

1. Agenda was approved

**2. Past Events**

- A Peachy Idea – Sunday, August 20
  - Merle coordinated this event
  - Sixteen signed up, nine attended (seven of whom had signed up, two of whom had not)
  - Several residents had signed up, but crossed their names off at the last minute (cost was a factor for at least one of them)
  - Attendees had a great time, the pie was terrific, and Chez Piggy staff was very accommodating
  - Kudos to Merle for proposing and organizing a new event
  
- Pizza in Piazza – Sunday, September 10
  - Organized cooperatively by Rick, Connie, Alan, Dan (Phelan), Gordon (Harding), and Ginny (Frost)
  - Event was held in the lounge due to inclement weather
  - Thirty-nine attended (two of whom did so without signing up, two of whom hadn't signed up but confirmed in advance that there was space for them)
  - There were three no-shows and two last-minute cancellations
  - We ordered 23 pizzas; Woodenheads gave us an additional pizza for free (thank you Wayne!) and there were two left over
  - The grapes and chocolate were mostly consumed but the veggies were barely touched, so no veggie tray next time
  
- Town Hall Reception – September 20
  - About 25 owners attended
  - Veggie sticks were barely touched

- We have ten bottles of wine in stock for future receptions
- Landmark Declutter – Monday, September 18 to Sunday, September 24
  - Suzanne and Gordon monitored the collection point throughout the week
  - Dan (Phelan) arranged pickup of many of the donation items
  - Dan and Suzanne took the remaining donations to The Goodway
  - Rick and Alan will handle disposal of the hazardous waste (some discarded items and e-waste was picked up earlier by the recycler Alan contacted to dispose of the old bicycle racks)
- Landmark Swap – September 23
  - Very successful event, for both thrifting and community connection
  - Fourteen residents offered items, fifteen residents (plus two guests) found treasures, and eight residents simply browsed and chatted

### **3. Upcoming Events – October**

- Pub Night – Thursday, October 19; 6:30pm, Tir nan Og
  - Organized by Keith Bilow
  - Twenty-five already signed up

### **4. Upcoming Events – November**

- Trivia Night – Wednesday, November 8; 7:00pm, in the lounge
  - Prepared and presented by Dan (Phelan) and Gordon (Harding)
- Movie Night – Wednesday, November 15; 7:00pm, in the lounge
  - *Slumdog Millionaire*
- Fish and Chips Night – Sunday, November 19; 6:00pm, in the lounge
  - Alan will purchase frozen fish and frozen fries to be baked in the home ovens of several committee members (Connie, Rick, Suzanne, Alan)
  - Merle will bake cake for dessert, Rick will make tartar sauce, Suzanne will purchase malt vinegar and paper napkins, and Connie or Alan will provide ketchup

- Sign-up sheet will indicate that participants are to provide their own plates, cutlery, and beverages
- Travelogue – Wednesday, November 29; 7:00pm, in the lounge
  - Japan, presented by Les Jones

## **5. Seasonal Events – details to be discussed at the November meeting**

- Lobby tree decoration – Friday, December 1
- Festive Patio Party (mulled cider and mulled wine with savoury and sweet treats) – Saturday, December 9; 2:00pm
- Holiday Season Dinner (pay-your-way) – Saturday, December 16; Blu Martini; organized by Cindy Landon

## **6. Suggestion from Keith Bilow**

- Keith suggested a Christmas Lights Trolley Tour
  - Trolley seats 32; price would be \$20 each, if the trolley were full
  - Committee members agreed that we cannot ensure a full trolley (cancellations, no-shows, weather, etc.) so this outing would be best arranged by interested individuals

## **7. Furniture**

- Booster cushions
  - Cushions would be for the eight patio dining chairs, as when those chairs are pulled up to the bistro tables for extra seating at casual gatherings, the orange cushions which fit them leave folks sitting comparatively low
  - Rick purchased one recently and TGIF/SAS attendees have been trying it out
  - The cushions cost \$30 each
  - The Committee deferred making a decision to a future meeting
- Wine Fridge
  - As wine for events can no longer be stored by Bernd, Rick suggested that we purchase a small wine fridge for that purpose

- He determined which cupboard in the lounge kitchen can be reconfigured to accommodate the one he has in mind and how to ensure easy access to an electrical outlet
- The Committee deferred making a decision to a future meeting

## **8. Social Committee Budget 2023**

- The annual (calendar year) budget of the Social Committee is \$2500
  - To date, we have spent \$1838.56
  - We have a ready supply of wine for the Budget Town Hall reception
  - Adequate funds remain in the budget to cover the expenses for the Fish and Chips Night in November and the Festive Patio Party in December

## **9. Winter 2024 Events – to be discussed at the November meeting**

The next meeting of the Social Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 11:00am in the lounge

Note: Janine advised the Committee that she will be away for several months and will not attend a meeting again until June 2024