

## **HELLO NEIGHBORS SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**August 5, 2022**

**The meeting began at 3:01 p.m.**

### **Mission Statement**

"Hello Neighbors Social Committee's purpose is to enable the KCCA community to engage in warm and welcoming social activities while maximizing residents' involvement, initiating interactions and building new relationships."

**Attending:** Jim Minor, Terri Johnson, Dennis Williams, Jan Hall, Rosemary Dutra, Mary Lou Russ, Ron Yates, Pat Rigby and Elaine Simms and two visitors, Laura and Tangi.

### **Opening:**

- Rosemary explained Peggy Trees' absence and the Committee welcomed BOD representative Jim Minor.
- Pat distributed copies of the Members' 2022 KCCA Club List by Category, which members agreed would be great info to have on the KCCA website.

### **Neighbors Night Out (8/2):**

- Rosemary shared statements of appreciation for the event and committee that she heard from participants and said the donation jar held \$10.
- Ron said that between 75 and 80 residents attended, he had fun, and he feels that committee members' teamwork in setting up and cleaning after the event was excellent.
- Ron recommends that next year we position the serving table so people can access food from both sides and separate the condiments from the side dishes. This will shorten the time people have to stand in line.
- Thinking about physical arrangements prompted members to check and find that Neighbors Nite Out in 2023 will be August 1. A call to Deborah revealed that the ballroom is already reserved on that date, but she will try make other arrangements for the groups involved so HN can have the event in the clubhouse. \*
- Hot dogs, buns and condiments cost \$73 dollars and there were leftovers. Discussion about whether to serve these again was resolved in favor of doing so.
- Terri brought the supplies needed for drinks, etc. and there were plenty.
- Members who attended agreed that the side dishes, which included Ron's layered green salad, Jan's potato salad, and Dennis's chips, were excellent and plentiful. Leftovers included lots of the desserts.

- One police officer attended.
- The name tags Ron made for committee members facilitated visiting with participants and will be valuable for wear at future events. Jim noted that some lanyards are available in the office.
- Plans for next year include putting articles about the event in the June and July KCCA newsletters. Ron will write an article about this year's event for the September KCCA newsletter.
- Comments were made about the inadequacy of the committee's budget allocation, but the topic was tabled until later in the meeting.

### **New Residents Meeting (8/7)**

- Dennis will lead the meeting since Peggy will not be there.
- Pat and Terri will greet participants, record their contact information, and give it to Melva.
- Recognition was made that the heat advisory for Sunday may affect attendance.
- Rosemary has the prizes and will wrap and deliver them to the meeting.
- In response to a question sent by Peggy, Pat said that new resident packets include two emergency cards, one for each member of a household.
- Elaine said that Melva can request contact info for each new resident as part of the escrow paperwork, thus ensuring that the lack of this is no longer a problem.

### **Movie Time**

- Dennis explained that the July event was cancelled when problems with the television made it impossible to access the film. He believes he has resolved the issues and will check the system early this month to be sure.
- Some residents drop in randomly, but a core of regulars form a comfortable and inclusive group.
- Dennis supplies sodas; he and Terri provide snacks and popcorn. A visiting friend of Dennis's, Tangi, said she would give him her popcorn nostalgia machine so the aroma can contribute to the ambience of the event.
- Seating is less than abundant because some glare hits the tv during the afternoon, but changing the time to evenings is something Dennis and Terri would do only with the core group's total approval.
- Discussion about planning, preparation, and setup/takedown for the event included recognition that it is a significant and ongoing contribution of time and energy handled solely by Dennis and Terri without participation, even in terms of viewing, by other committee members.
- No plans were made for change, but general awareness of the time, effort and cost of this event was definitely increased.

## **Community Birthday Party**

- The date of this event was changed from October 9 to October 8 because the ballroom was booked for the original date.
- The event will include sheet cake, ice cream, balloons, coffee, tea and water and be "come and go" from 2-4 p.m. Set-up will be 12- 5 p.m.\* Who will do what will be decided at a future meeting.

## **Christmas Party:**

- Rosemary suggests that we have a catered dinner from 5-9 p.m. since this event was so popular and well-attended last year.
- Deborah can sell tickets to individuals and committee members can sell to groups of 10-12.
- Ticket cost will be decided based on an estimate of participants, a cushion for last minute attendees and information from the caterer.
- Rosemary and Ron will get quotes from caterers.
- The event will include raffle prizes, a 50/50 drawing (Terri just ordered tickets to replenish our supply), a to-be-decided contest for something like table centerpiece, a dessert walk (which was very popular last year) as well as some fun games on the order of "Let's Make a Deal" or "Spin the Wheel" which Dennis will create. He will also be the evening's MC.
- Ron will provide the same music he did for Neighbors Nite Out, Pandora for "our age group," and participants will be encouraged to wear holiday apparel.

## **HNSC Budget:**

- Off and on through out the meeting, the issue of money arose, sometimes because committee members often buy things for events without expecting or getting reimbursement.
- The group recognizes that an allocation of \$1,000 for a year, the current budget, is totally inadequate.
- In addition, HN is now paying all of the costs (invitations, postage, packet content printing, and event refreshments and prizes) for New Residents Meetings whereas in the past, this expense was funded directly by KCCA, rather than the HN budget allocation.
- Setting out donation jars, making them obvious, and publicizing their availability is one suggestion for off-setting expenditures.
- Holding a fundraiser is another suggestion the group is considering and one idea is to have a spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread dinner that participants pay to attend. Supplies for this would be inexpensive and if tickets were \$15/guest, forty participants would bring in \$600.

•Another idea is to have a regular monthly byob event with an entry fee that would take little time for planning and set-up such as dancing and/or karaoke.

•Elaine and Sherry focused on getting a more appropriate allocation from KCCA, and Jim said he will make a plan to ask for increased funds from the BOD for the committee to consider.

### **Future Events:**

- Ron proposed and the committee agreed to sponsor a Spring Fling dinner dance on April 15, 2023. He will reserve the banquet room and lounge.
- The event will be from 6-9 p.m.\*
- The committee will serve spaghetti, salad and bread at a ticket price that will cover the food and pay for the Portland band Charles and the Angels to play dance music for two hours.

**\*Going forward, committee members who make reservations will clarify with Deborah what time spaces are reserved for set-up and when they are reserved for participants to attend an event, recognizing that there has been confusion about this in the past and that set-up can take a few hours.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.**