

HELLO NEIGHBORS SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 5, 2024

The meeting began at 10 AM

Mission Statement

"The 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 - Peggy Trees, Terri Johnson, Pat Rigby, Merrily Nelson, Sandy Dunbar, Mary Lou Russ, Elaine Simms, Karen Dalrymple, Thia Barth, Ron Yates, Megan Rutz, Jackie Ceccanti, and Judy Leavitt.

Opening - Peggy opened the meeting with a thank you presentation to Ron for taking the lead on both the Christmas and New Year's Eve parties. His gift was a mug labelled "World's Greatest Volunteer" with funny, but appreciative text about extreme volunteering, and the full committee echoed her statements of awareness and high regard for all of the work he did. She also introduced Karen Dalrymple who observed the meeting and then joined the committee.

Treasurer's Report -Megan

- Megan handed out information on committee allocations and expenditures for 2023 and 2024 as well as a recap of receipts/expenditures for the New Year's Eve party to show where we stand.
- She explained that adjustments will be made to the financial spreadsheets provided, moving \$1,000 in "income" from 2023 to 2024 because this amount was not deposited by the office in time to be reflected in 2023. It will raise the currently available funds for 2024 from \$6,061.74 to \$7,061.74.
- Megan has asked the office to send all reimbursement checks to her so she can make a copy for effective recording keeping, and she asks that if a committee member receives a check from the office directly, a copy be sent to her.

First Sunday - Elaine

- Elaine distributed a mission statement, front office guidelines and a signup sheet for volunteers to host's 2024 First Sunday Events in addition to giving an overview of the program.
- Peggy explained that HNSC is charged with hosting the event and neither Elaine or any other realtor has any connection to participants.

- Elaine shared the contents of the packet which is distributed to people who attend, and Pat noted that the information about KCCA would be a useful addition to the New Residents packet. Elaine will try to provide it.
- First Sunday involves two residents who may or may not be HNSC members greeting guests in the clubhouse lobby between 1 and 3 pm on the first Sunday of each month. If this activity would interfere with an event scheduled for the living room, Elaine is contacted and she moves First Sunday to either the meeting or multi-purpose room.
- The program will begin in February.

New Residents Meeting - Pat

- Pat has reserved the living room for New Residents Meetings on March 3, June 2, and September 1 in 2024. Set up begins at 1 pm; the meeting is from 2-4 pm.
- Pat also passed around packets for committee members to deliver to new residents and explained the procedures for giving her contact information from homeowners and returning packets to her when new residents are not yet living on site.

Movie Time - Terri

- Terri said that attendance was up in December for the showing of *The Holiday* after being extremely low in October and November. Upcoming films are *Barbie* for January and *Oppenheimer* for February. The length of *Oppenheimer*—3 hours—will be publicized and an intermission scheduled.

Christmas Party Recap - Ron

- Ron thanked the committee for all of the work on the party, saying that it was well attended, participants enjoyed the evening and the decorations were well received.
- The decorations are carefully stored for continued use, and he and Megan took advantage of Hobby Lobby's 90% off sale to buy things for the future when changing colors will provide variety.

New Year's Eve Party Recap - Ron

- Peggy said she's heard lots of comments, all good.
- Judy said she can't imagine the party being any better in terms of music and dinner. Participants dressed up, men wearing suits.
- The vote was unanimous to hire Charles and the Angels for a New Year's Eve party next year and Ron will do so.

Newsletter Article Writer - Peggy

- Peggy asked for a volunteer to write and submit articles to the KCCA newsletter, noting that Rosemary did that in the past.
- Even though she was absent, Sherry Smith was nominated and, when called to confirm, she agreed. Jackie said she would do the article for the February Newsletter since Sherry will be out of town.
- Elaine receives a draft of the newsletter which she will share with Peggy to insure that in the future HNSC events are included since they were omitted in the December 2023 issue.

Reception for the New Administrator - Peggy

- Peggy suggested that HNSC host a reception to introduce the new administrator to KCCA residents, and Megan invited MJ Lee to the meeting.
- MJ was enthusiastic about the idea and, after consideration of publicity and desirable timing, the committee choose February 23, from 5-6:30 pm for a happy hour event.
- Merrily will coordinate and, with help from Sandy, will bring two Sangria punches, one alcoholic; one, not. Megan, Mary and Jackie are licensed to serve and will share that role.
- Thia and others will help with snacks like cheese and crackers

Other Business - Peggy

- Peggy led a planning discussion about events for 2024, selecting dates so rooms can be reserved, and Ron took that information to the office to complete the process.
- Some events, as shown below, are set up in detail with coordinators; others will be considered and planned further at future meetings.
- Wording on flyers will be designed and reviewed to promote participation.
- Recurring events will be
 - First Sunday, each month, starting in February, 1-3 pm, clubhouse lobby
 - New Residents Meetings, set up at 1 pm, meeting from 2-4 pm on April 3, June 2, and October 6, clubhouse living room
 - Movie Time, set up at 1 pm, movie from 2-4 pm, clubhouse living room, 3rd Friday of each month (1/19, 2/16, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17, 6/21, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/20)
- February 14 - Val-A-Gram, Peggy coordinator
 - Megan and Peggy will prepare the flyer and message options for Happy Valentine's Day greetings which will be attached to helium balloons each weighted with a bag of chocolates and a cookie and delivered to a KCCA resident.

- About 80 were sold last year.
 - Elaine and Peggy will store balloons in their homes.
 - Peggy and Ron will bake cookies and get bags and chocolates.
 - Assembly will be on 2/13 at Elaine's, and ribbons on balloons will be shorter so they can be transported and delivered more easily
 - Thia, Sandy and other committee members will help with assembly and delivery.
- February 23, 5-6:60 pm, clubhouse living room, a happy hour reception to introduce MJ Lee, the new KCCA administrator, to KCCA residents.
 - Merrily will coordinate and make two sangria punches, one alcoholic; one not, the former to be served by Megan, Jackie and/or Mary Minor, all licensed servers
 - Thia will help prepare cheese, crackers and other appetizers and more details will be decided at the February meeting.
- March 17, St. Patrick's Day, 4-6 pm - Soup Night, in the ballroom, Thia coordinator.
 - Thia will make West African chicken peanut soup
 - Jackie will make chicken pesto soup
 - More planning will be done in coming meetings.
- April 20, 7-9 pm, Randy Riggle's Comedy Show, Peggy coordinator.
 - Tickets will be \$15/person to cover Riggle's fee which is \$1,500.
 - Drinks and food to be decided will be served.
 - Set up at 5:30 pm.
- May 5, 5-7 pm, Cinco de Mayo dinner. Megan will coordinate and arrange the caterer.
- May 27, 1-3 pm, Memorial Day Potluck. Coordinator and details to be decided.
- June 23, 2-4 pm. Strawberry Shortcake, served outside, if possible, with a couple of tables in the living room. Coordinator and details to be decided.
- July 4, 7:30 am. Donuts and drinks for the annual car parade served at the clubhouse entry. Coordinator and details to be decided.
- August 6, 5-7 pm, Neighbors Nite Out potluck in the ballroom and living room of the clubhouse. Coordinator and details to be decided.

- September 2, 1-3 pm, Labor Day Potluck in the ballroom. Coordinator and details to be decided.
- September 21, 6-9 pm. Ron will coordinate a Country Western Dance. HNSC members will prepare and provide the food.
- October 26, 5-7 pm in the ballroom. Halloween party, costumes optional. Coordinator and details to be decided.
- December 31, 6-9:30 pm, New Year's Eve party, coordinated by Ron, featuring a catered dinner and dancing with Charlie and the Angels if they are available. Further details to be decided.

The meeting adjourned at 12 pm.