

HRCA SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

January 30, 2008 - 4:00 pm

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairperson Dave Miller, who welcomed everyone. Members present included Vice Chairperson Betty Cote, Treasurer Suzanne Evans-McMurtrie, Events Coordinator Michele Newman, Secretary/ Publicity Coordinator Wanda Gagnon, Peggy Jalbert, Mike McNinch and Sydell Nusbaum. Arts and Crafts Chair Peggy O'Malley, General Manager Don Huprich and Membership and Communications Director Chris Durfey were also in attendance. Members of the community sat in, as well.

Minutes: The Minutes of the December 19, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

Chairman's Remarks: Dave advised that today's would be his final meeting as Chairperson. He has been elected to the Board of Directors and will serve as its Secretary. As Board members serve in the committee capacity of liaison from the Board, he will not be in a position to serve on any non-Board committees.

Dave announced that he has appointed Michele Newman to the remaining term, through May, as Chairperson.

Both Dave and Michele were congratulated and recognized by a round of applause.

Dave advised that he hopes to continue to host some events.

Dave turned the chair over to Michele, who conducted the remainder of the meeting, while Dave established himself as Board liaison.

New Chairperson's Remarks: Michele thanked Dave for his confidence in her. She then proceeded with the meeting agenda.

Michele and other Committee members updated events: The Wine Tasting event was fabulous. The choices of wines had been paired with hors d'oeuvre prepared by Chef Wayne, to compliment each. There were several wine selections, both red and white, and the evening began with champagne. Ellie Sexton, a resident of the community who is an executive at a spirits company, arranged to have three pourers, in addition to herself. There were no chairs, making it a true opportunity to 'mix and mingle'. Mike was congratulated on an outstanding event.

The committee agreed that word of mouth will provide that the next such event be very well attended, in order to break even on the budget, which was not accomplished this time.

The second Wine Tasting was scheduled for Friday, April 4th. There will be an attendance limit of fifty or sixty. Music will be added. Mike will request that bottles of wine be available for purchase.

Team Trivia: These events have grown so much that they have been moved from the Activity Center to the Main Dining Room. Everyone who has attended has complimentary comments about them.

Sunset Social Pot Luck: This event was standing room only. The food was excellent and plentiful. Barry and his fellow musician were very well received, as always, and kept everyone dancing all evening.

Marco Bus Trips: The bus has been full for both, and more will be undertaken. Everyone has applauded these events.

Artisans' Consortium: Peggy O'Malley was asked to update the Committee. The second semi-annual event has been scheduled for March 9th, in the Main Dining Room. A notice is out. Peggo stated that the committee is comprised of 5 or 6 members. Nancy Gormley advised that she knows of ten others, the names of whom she will share with Peggy. Those interested in participating are requested to sign up with Chris.

Future Events: Chris reported that a number of people have reported that they are entering the Chili Cook-Off; the Super Bowl party plans are finalized - those attending must register - this is a pot luck event, with no charge; Valentine's Day Dinner is sold out; the first Monte Carlo Night plans have been finalized-Peggy Jalbert agreed to co-host the event; the Pot Luck Dessert Bake-Off is scheduled for next month; the Fashion Show, being hosted by Kris Pogue with fashions from SteinMart, is highly anticipated; the Sock Hop plans have been finalized; Pot Lucks will be continued during the off-season; the Monday and Friday Socials will be attempted during off-season; Team Trivia will be continued during off-season.

Other Business: Suzanne announced that the Friends of Gummi, a dog and cat adoption service, will be in attendance at the Craft Fair. Suzanne advised that she will provide information for a cruise in November that will include residents from a number of communities.

Nancy Gormley, Peggy O'Malley and Wanda Gagnon will work with Chris, following Season, to discuss additional information that might be included in the briefing for new residents, as well as the formation of a 'buddy' system to assist new residents in directions and merchants.

Michele is looking to book a keyboard player for Monte Carlo Night. Gentlemen will be invited to wear jackets. Appetizers will be served.

Event Improvements: It was agreed to place an upscale easel, with a nice chalkboard, in the lobby of the Club House, to announce activities. Chris disseminated a prototype of a new newsletter that will be specifically directed to Social Committee events and activities. New staging and speakers are being purchased for the Main Dining Room. The speakers will be for the rear of the dining room to improve the sound quality in that area.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 25th, at 4:00 pm, in the Activity Center.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,
Wanda L. Gagnon, Secretary