

The Retreat at Greenbrier
Social Committee Minutes
December 19, 2019

Present: Jean Hildebrandt, Bobbi Wittern, Carole Calabrese, Laura Michon, Bill Reid, Phillis Whitehead, Glenna Skinner, Debbie Pierson, and Elizabeth Woods.

Meeting called to order by Co Chair, Jean Hildebrandt at 7:00 pm.

November Social Committee Minutes were approved. Motion to accept: Bobbi Wittern Second: Laura Michon.

Kitchen Supplies Report: Kitchen supplies remain stocked for remainder of year. Two utensil caddies were purchased. Kitchen supplies to be reviewed and updated for 2020.

Budget: A copy of the 2019 Social Committee Monthly Budget Summary, and the Social Committee 2020 Approved Budget were distributed.

1. Christmas Party Budget: Will discuss this at January meeting after Christmas Party Committee meets on January 14.
2. Final Budget for 2019 will be available in January. Jean will reconcile 2019 budget with Bonnie before the next meeting.
3. 2020 Budget to be reviewed in January and February, as we look at scheduled events. Since Soups and Stews was cancelled in January, the budgeted \$100.00 has been moved from January to April.

Ongoing Events: See monthly calendar / weekly events posted by Carole Calabrese
Luncheoners was cancelled for November / December along with Poker and Bingo. All activities on Christmas Day and New Year's Day cancelled.

Discussion on low attendance concerning: Bingo, Ladies Day Bunco, Coloring Book Group, and Knitting and Crocheting.

It was voted on and agreed - Motion to accept: Bobbi Wittern, Seconded: Carole Calabrese. Cancel Coloring Book Group, Bingo and Knitting and Crocheting for the month of January. These activities to be discussed and reviewed at future meetings.

Phillis Whitehead willing to teach a new craft. Details to follow.

Glenna Skinner will talk to Coloring Book Group.

Past Events:

Christmas Brunch, December 7, 55 attended.

Christmas Party, December 14, 56 attended.

More info concerning Christmas Party to follow after Christmas Party Committee meeting in January, as mentioned above. Bill Reid to send an email with his comments made during the meeting concerning Christmas Party to Jean Hildebrandt, Bobbi Wittern and Elizabeth Woods. This email is attached to these minutes.

Upcoming Events:

Caroling around the Fire Pit, December 22, 4:00 pm. Randy Garrett to lead singing. Carole and Jean to make Wassail. Mary Lu picking up cookie tray. Luminaries to be set along sidewalks.

New Year's Eve at the Retreat, December 31, 9:00 pm. Glenna Skinner and Debbie Pierson volunteered for needed items.

Remove Christmas Decorations: January 11 at 3:00 pm.

Social Committee Meeting, January 16, 7:00 pm.

Music Night at The Retreat, January 18, 7:00 pm. Featuring Lou Antonaccio and Unplugged.

Luncheoners, January 28, 12:30 pm. Hosts: Dan and Sandra Koppen at Abuelo's.

Super Bowl Bash, February 2, 5:30 pm. Need coordinator(s).

Sock Hop Karaoke, February 8, 7:00 pm. Coordinators: Lou Antonaccio and Dana Gilbert.

Open Discussion:

Christmas Decorations - Think about what we need to refresh or replace for upcoming years. Should we form a group to cover this? Will discuss at next meeting.

Social Committee Bulletin Board (Hung in Clubhouse) - All items have to be approved before displaying. Bulletin Board is for monthly calendar, weekly events, etc.

Resident Questionnaire - To be discussed further in January / February. The Board wants to discuss/add questions.

Clubhouse Rentals - The Social Committee is responsible for clubhouse rentals. Rules have been changed to exclude holiday clubhouse rentals. These are listed on Exhibit C – Clubhouse Rental Rules.

Jean Hildebrandt adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Respectively Submitted:

Debbie Pierson

Attached:

2020 Grand Gala Christmas Party email from Bill Reid, dated Fri, Dec 20, 2019

2020 Grand Gala Christmas Party

Bill Reid

Fri, Dec 20,
2019, 11:46
AM

to me, Bobbi, Elizabeth, Debbie

Hi Jean, Bobbi and Elizabeth,

As requested, here are a few confirming notes on what I said at last night's meeting after hearing that there might not be a Christmas Party next year.

We live in a Christian society and Christmas is the biggest event in the year. It follows that our Christmas party should be by far the biggest social happening of our year.

Although described that we live in an "over 55 community" this is no longer so. We actually live in an over 65 community and some may say it is closer to an over 70 community. As folks get older, and some folks age more quickly than others, the attendance to our events will continue to drop off and it is necessary for the social committee to give more careful consideration to the organization and promotion of events. For next year's Christmas event to be entirely successful, three things are necessary:

1. The full support should be gained at the top of the organization from the President and from the Board Members of our Association.
2. A highly organized Grand Gala Christmas Party should be arranged making it appeal to the majority and clearly the best event ever, as well as the undisputed highlight of the year.
3. A well-planned and coordinated promotion campaign should be carried out to sell this "super event" to the community.

If you would wish it, I volunteer to plan and manage this "super event" for 2020, building on the success of the 2017 Grand Gala Christmas Party and providing lasting memories for all who attend. I have been arranging events of this kind for a long time.

It is hoped that these notes are helpful, and Thelma and I take the opportunity to thank all those who helped organize this years Christmas Party. We enjoyed it!

Sincerely,

Bill