

**The Retreat at Greenbrier Condominium Association Social Committee
Minutes for December 21, 2017 Meeting**

Present: Bob Banes and Mary Dail, Co-Chairs; Carole Calabrese, Laura Michon, Bill Reid, Bobbi Wittern, Roxann Forster, Phillis Whitehead, Glenna Skinner, Debbie Pierson, Cathy Antonaccio, Mary Lu Babcock, Gary Gompers, Marianne Principe-O'Neil, and Jean Hildebrandt. Caron Jeffries attended as Board Liaison.

Bob Banes, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The minutes from the November meeting were previously reviewed via email. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved and have been posted to the Retreat website.

Calendar:

November

Happy Hour continues on first and third Fridays at 5:00 pm and is well attended.

Art Hildebrandt's lectures "Origin of Famous Military Quotations" was enjoyed by all who attended.

Ladies' Movie Night, hosted by Aretta Matthews, was a fun time.

Luncheoners and Bingo were cancelled this month.

The Red Hat Gathering was well attended. After a meeting at the Clubhouse, the group went to lunch at the Black Pelican.

December

Happy Hour attendance has been down a little this month.

Breakfast on December 2 was cancelled.

Thanks to the Grounds and Maintenance Committee and Social Committee for decorating the Clubhouse and outside areas.

79 residents attended the Grand Gala Christmas Party. A report is provided under Old Business.

There was no report on the number of people attending the Christmas Karaoke.

A group of residents led by Gary Gompers walked the neighborhood caroling before the Social Committee meeting on December 21.

Old Business:

Financial Report: Mary Dail - Mary is in the process of reconciling our end-of-year budget with Bonnie Herring at The Select Group. The Committee does a good job of being cost conscious when planning and providing events for the Community.

A new Christmas tree is needed for the Clubhouse. Many lights are out on the current tree and there have been numerous fixes done in the past. Now is a good time to purchase a new tree because they are all on sale. The Committee agreed that Mary Lu and Don Babcock and Laura Michon would look for an 8 ½ to 9-foot tree with lights and provide information to Bob Banes. There were questions about where the money for the tree would come from. There was concern it would be charged to the Social Committee budget, which did not include this expense in the budget for 2018. The Committee asked Caron Jeffries to ask the Board to clarify what funds would be used to purchase the new tree.

Survey Review: Mary Dail - The Committee sent a survey to our residents' mid-December requesting input on events/activities at the Retreat. There were 11 responses. Comments were reviewed and will be considered as we plan the calendar for next year.

Grand Gala Christmas Party Review: Bill Reid - There have been many positive comments on the Christmas Party. Bill and his Committee did a great job. The Social Committee thanked them for their hard work with a round of applause.

The Committee discussed suggestions to improve on next years' party, which will be included in the planning. Bill is putting together a "lessons learned" to consider as we move forward.

A discussion followed on the party for 2018. After much discussion on the pros and cons of having the party at the Clubhouse, the Committee agreed that we could not safely accommodate the number of residents we now have and provide a nice dinner party. Greenbrier is very close, which makes it convenient for our residents. However, we will look at providing transportation for anyone who needs it. The Committee agreed that we should enter into discussions with the Greenbrier County Club for next years' party. The Committee concurred the date for the party be set for December 8, 2018.

New Business:

The Committee had a lengthy discussion concerning how to better reach our residents and get more people involved. Some highlights of this discussion are:

- 1 – We need to make information more accessible.
- 2 – The more communication, the better.
- 3 - Can calendars/flyers be distributed in mailboxes? Block Captains could possibly be in charge of copying and distributing. Would need to coordinate with Margie Simpkins and Billy Williams. The Committee asked Caron Jeffries to bring this to the Board.
- 4 – Can we include more information in the Community newsletter, such as flyers, upcoming events, etc.?

A flyer will be sent out with information on an informal New Year's Eve gathering at the Clubhouse starting at 9:00 pm. BYOB, snack and CDs.

January

January 5 & 19: 5:00 pm – Happy Hour

January 12: 7:00 pm – Left, Right, Center

January 13: 5:30 pm Social Time, 6:00 pm Dinner - Italian Night; Coordinators: Carole Calabrese and Mary Lu Babcock. Carole will do the flyer.

January 15: 11:30 am – Red Hats

January 23: 12:30 pm – Luncheoneers; Host: Mary Dail

January 26: 7:00 pm – Bingo

February

February 2 & 16: 5:00 pm – Happy Hour

February 4: 5:00 pm – Super Bowl Party; Pot Luck. Bring appetizers to share. Glenna will ask Margie and Billy if they will be in charge of the pool.

February 9: 7:00 pm – Left, Right, Center

February 17: 5:30 pm Social time, 6:00 pm Dinner – Winter Cook-off; Bring soup or chili. There will be a sign up to bring something to be judged. The Committee will provide bread and cookies.

February 23: 7:00 pm – Bingo

February 27: 12:30 pm – Luncheoneers

Due to the late hour, it was decided to continue discussion of the 2018 calendar at the next meeting on January 18. Everyone is to review events from 2017 to see if we want to continue them and bring any new ideas for 2018 for discussion.

Some items to keep in mind for our 2018 calendar:

1 - Mary Lu Babcock will check with Fond Memories concerning their 2018 schedule. We're looking at July to schedule them at the clubhouse.

2 - Karaoke is planned in April and August. Bob Banes should be included in any communications scheduling karaoke.

3 - The Committee needs to begin budget discussions for 2019 in June/July timeframe.

Mary Dail announced her resignation as Co-Chair of the Social Committee. A request for anyone interested in volunteering for this position will be distributed to the Community.

The Committee thanked Glenna Skinner and Caron Jeffries for all their help this past year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Recorded and Submitted by
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