

Connections

Membership Meeting-Zoom

May 17, 2022

Attendance: 32

Zoom Attendance: 12

Recorder: Susan Steele

Janet Daly welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Membership Report

Susan Steele reported there are 173 members. New members this month include Mary D'Andrea, Judy Collins, and Danuta Kuc.

Treasurer's Report

Lee Atieh reported a checking account balance of \$8,008.90.

Donna Singer announced she will hold another Constant Contact training, the date of which is yet to be determined. She requested that if an activity leader does not feel capable of using the program, a surrogate be appointed for that group.

Brenda Brunelle discussed a number of items affecting the entire group:

- We are not able to use the church during the summer. If a particular group that normally meets at the church still wants to meet, Brenda will assist in finding an alternate location.
 - o Book Group #1 is suspended for the summer
 - o Book Group #2 meets at the North West Bergen Senior Center
 - o Book Group #3 is suspended for the summer
 - o Book Group #4 uncertain as to its summer plans
- Brenda requested that activity leaders accurately report their intended activities for the calendar.
- Brenda is beginning a new Mah jongg class to start on July 11th, most likely to be held at the River Edge Library. The class will be on Mondays for 6-8, weeks depending upon the group's progress.
- Our June meeting will be a murder mystery and luncheon. More information will follow.

Activity Leaders' Announcements

EWE

- Donna Singer and Janet Daly announced changes in the format of the former Linkup group, now known as EWE (Evenings and Weekend Experiences). Additional consideration was given to the group as it developed. As we are dedicated to be an inclusive group, we didn't feel it was appropriate to inquire into individual's partner status. Thus, anyone is free to participate in this off-hours group.

It is contemplated the group will involve small groups in weekend and evening activities. We do not want it to interfere with the activities of the main group, competing with our day trips, for example. Donna and Janet will be reaching out to schedule this group in the near future.

In connection with the above modification, a new policy and procedure was written, incorporating the parameters of the EWE group. The policy was distributed to members prior to the meeting. Most importantly, members must indicate the groups in which they will participate; communicate with the activity leader indicating when they will participate; and join a group before notifying the activity leader they are interested in attending a sponsored event. They will be allowed to participate if space is available.

Luncheons

- Denise Santora Mosher reminded everyone we are having a luncheon at Fino's on June 2nd. Thus far, thirty-two people have signed up. Checks are due by May 26th.

Carolyn Seibel spoke about upcoming trips:

- The Guided Age tour is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25th. Forty-five people have signed up for the trip. We will walk rain or shine. Bring an umbrella.
- The Brooklyn Pizza trip is scheduled for June 23rd. Thus far, thirty-eight have signed up for the trip, leaving two openings.
- The Buck's County Playhouse trip is scheduled for July 14th and has a waitlist.
- Plans for the fall include a trip to Kuykuit, the Rockefeller Estate, and also a trip to the Philly Pops in December with a stop for lunch at the Philly Terminal Market.
- There will be another tea after the new year.

PBS Theater

- The group will be meeting live this Wednesday for the first time since Covid but will not meet over the summer.

Activity: Following the meeting we enjoyed a line dancing activity led by Irina Glezer, a professional dance instructor.

