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## Venetian Park Estates Activities Meeting Minutes January 10, 2024

The Activities meeting in the Clubhouse was called to order by Deb Cinco at 11:30 am on Wednesday January 10, 2024 and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call taken by Deb Cinco, all board members (Cathy Censki, Deb Cinco, Jan Coble, Amy DeBruin, Anne Heller, JoEllen Wuerzburger and Mary Jo Zajeski) were present. Quorum of Board Members verified.

Jan Coble made motion to forgo reading minutes from last month's meeting and approved, Amy DeBruin seconded the motion.

**President's report – Deb Cinco:** Deb shared 3 resignations from the Activities committee will be effective in March of 2024. They include herself, Cathy Censki and Jan Coble. She encouraged park members to get involved to fill the upcoming vacancies.

**Treasurer's report – JoEllen Wuerzburger:** JoEllen provided Activities Board members with detailed paper copy of current report. She shared with residents present that the current balance is \$7,561.48. Of that \$6,257.77 is the VPE Activities balance and \$1,303.71 is the Bingo account balance.

## Sub-Committee Reports:

**Sunshine:** Cassie Dionne shared that cards were sent to two VPE residents with recent illnesses.

**Gondolier:** Cassie shared deadline for the February issue is January 16<sup>th</sup>. Please send articles and good quality photos as <u>attachments</u> to her at: <u>Cassiedionne@yahoo.com</u>

Library: Ruth Beck stated all is well with the library.

**Flea Market:** Pat Morales: The Flea Market will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The captains meeting is January 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am and January 28<sup>th</sup> is the LAST day for donations. Asked that people NOT bring items on the day of the sale. If you have large items (furniture) for donation, contact Pat for pick up.

Pat will need help on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> to pick up furniture items. She would like to start early on the 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 am to 8:00 am to set up long tables in the clubhouse and unload sheds. Will need some strong helpers that morning. Please save newspapers for wrapping fragile items and bags for purchases.

We need everyone's help to make the Flea Market successful, please let Pat know how you are willing to help!

**Kitchen:** Gina Miller: Please leave a list of supplies on the what need to be replenished after activities for Gina.

**Bingo:** Deb Cinco reported that there were 29 Bingo players on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and there were 2 cookie jar winners and 1 progressive winner recently.

There was no old business discussed.

## New Business:

**Welcome Back Party review**: Numerous positive comments received & many people shared they really enjoyed the party. The chopped salad from Shaner's was a big hit. The committee shared that approximately 35 people who signed up did not attend, which meant there was extra expense and left over food which cost us about \$150 and we still came in under budget by about \$100.

A suggestion was made to have 2 separate sign-ups for future events; one specifically for food and a separate sign up for the associated activity. We will try this in the future.

Another suggestion was made to investigate the possibility of making new name tags for all residents. We will check to see if the button maker is still here & if supplies are available.

**Italian themed dinner:** This will be moved to Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and be combined with a game night. Pam Seitz volunteered to coordinate the event with her sister Penny and help from Amy DeBruin. Details will follow.

January Coffees: January 13<sup>th</sup> will feature speaker Kelly Ward from the Florida Dept of Health.

**Pancake breakfast:** Jay Andrews has agreed to make this happen again. There will be two seating's, one at 9:00 am and one at 10:00 am. The charge will be \$5.00 for residents and \$6.00 for guests.

In the past, the turnover between seating's was delayed as people lingered to visit with the incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> crowd, hopefully we can facilitate a smoother transition this year.

**Flea Market:** February 1<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup>. Please let Pat know how you can help.

**Drum Circle:** February 9<sup>th</sup> will be the inaugural VPE Drum Circle on the lawn at 5:30 pm, please join us.

**Coffee:** February 10<sup>th</sup> coffee will feature Attorney Harlan Dombar in a question-andanswer format. Please submit questions via our Gondolier box at the office to make the most of this opportunity. These will be sent to Mr. Dombar 1 week prior to the coffee.

**Superbowl Party:** Sunday February 11th at the clubhouse. Time to be determined.

Valentine Event: Cathy Censki volunteered to chair some type of valentine event. She will update us as details are available.

Calvary's Hill Quartet – Chair: Carol Anderson February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

**Music Event:** Tom Cahalan will provide music at VPE on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the alcove by the pool. Feel free to bring your own refreshments.

Still looking for volunteers to coordinate a couple of upcoming events: an ice cream social on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and an Easter dinner on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Food Truck:** Mary Jo & Amy are investigating possibilities. Dates will depend on availability. Stay tuned for details.

**Comments:** Discussion regarding our VPE Facebook page. Consensus is that former residents should be allowed to continue on the page if they desire and should not be removed.

Next Activities meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

Amy Debruin moved to adjourn; seconded by JoEllen Wuerzburger