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VPE Activities Meeting Minutes

VPE activities meeting was held on Wednesday April 9, 2025 in the Clubhouse.

Present were Brenda Park, Paula Neumeier, JoEllen Wuerzburger, Amy DeBruin, Anne Heller Kathy Stand and Barb Orebaugh.

A quorum was declared by the Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Brenda Park.

Agenda

Motion made to accept the agenda and seconded; unanimous vote in favor.

Minutes

Minutes from the March were submitted and read to all members. Motion made to accept the reading of the minutes and seconded; unanimous vote in favor.

President's Report

It has been extremely busy this last month here at VPE. I am extremely appreciative to all of our volunteers who helped with all of our activities. A special Thank You goes out to both Louise and Dave Novac for catering our Spring Fling Dinner. I don't know if all of you are aware, but these two residents volunteer their time to cater our food at NO cost to our community or Activity Committee.

We had Florida Power and Light hosted Coffee Hour on Saturday, March 22nd with their Storm Preparedness presentation. If interested, their contact information can be supplied to you. If you know of anyone interested in sponsoring a coffee hour, please forward contact information to any officer or trustee on the Activities Committee.

The St. Patrick's Day Event, known as the 'Horse Races' was a huge success with approximately 70 residents joining in on this fun. As always, Gina Miller was able to keep this party going by interacting with the spectators as well as keeping the jockeys focused to allow the horses galloping to a Win! I appreciate all the volunteers that help Gina trot this Event out to our community.

Many residents came together to join in the Drum Circle just before sunset on Sunday, March 23rd. There were numerous Percussionists setting the rhythm to allow the dancers to get their groove on. Special appearances were made by the Spiritual Butterfly and Fire whipper.

If you are wanting to help support our Community with the Easter Dinner, please reach out to any of the Activity Committee members. We are actively seeking volunteers to get this planned. Unfortunately, if we do not get a volunteer to lead this activity, it will need to be cancelled.

Activity Committee members have been questioned from residence, regarding why “Happy Hour” is not published on the Calendar? This is not a Sponsored event from this committee and will remain as such. Any resident is welcome to Host or gather other residents together to enjoy this Social Time with one another around the Pool.

Just a reminder, going forward any Event needing to sell Tickets will only be sold by one of the Activity Committee members. Tickets will no longer be available in the Office from Tony.

I personally want to Thank the community and this committee for trusting in me to carry out this Role as the Chair for this Committee. I am sure that many of you will get to know me as I try to remain a positive individual, resident and Leader through my actions within this Committee. I will never ask another member to perform any task that I would not be willing to perform myself. If you were not aware, not only am I taking on this Role as ‘Chair” but also committed to leading the ABC Sale and Welcome Committee.

I am only as strong as our committee and community; I am requesting every resident to support me during this transition into my duties. As a friendly reminder, I too am only a Volunteer for each of these tasks.

Treasurer’s Report:

JoEllen Wuerzburger reported on March-2025 financials. Activities have a total of \$9,282.71 and Bingo has a total of \$1,240.42. Motion made to accept the March-2025 financials and was seconded; unanimous vote in favor.

Sub Committee Reports:

- a. **Sunshine** - Cassie Dionne gave an update on Residents and cards sent out.
- b. **Gondolier** - The deadline to submit content for the April Gondolier is April 18th.
- c. **Library** - Ruth Beck reported that Nancy Garrett volunteered to help her organize the books. They are also going to donate some of the older books.
- d. **ABC Sales** - Brenda Park reminded everyone that the official start date is April 28th for drop off and the sale will be April 29th. Activity members will be available both days from 9am-12 Noon.
- e. **Kitchen** - Brenda Park stated that there is no guide to identify the expectations/role of the Kitchen Chairperson and she will create one.
- f. **Bingo** - The last day for Bingo will be May 20th. They will be taking a break for the Summer. They anticipate starting up again the 1st or 2nd week of September 2025, exact dates to be announced closer to September.

OLD BUSINESS

Horse Races - The Horse Races were very successful and everyone had a great time.

Drum Circle – This event was very well attended. There were several drummers and dancers and even a Fire Whip demonstration.

Spring Fling - 107 tickets were sold for the Annual Spring Fling on 3/29/2025. Thank you to Dave and Louise who catered the event, which helped to keep the expenses down. We were also able to bring in extra money from leftover food sales. The 50/50 netted \$153 for the committee and Brenda donated \$50 of her winnings back to the Activities Committee. Overall, we were \$1,373 under budget and made \$198.

Music by the Pool – Event was held on 4/6/2025 was enjoyed by all who attended.

NEW BUSINESS

ABC Sales - Brenda clarified how we will accept donations for our sales.

Easter - April 20, 2025 is Easter and VPE still need a volunteer to host.

Derby Event - Irv Rubin announced that he had everything he needed for the Derby event, but needed volunteers to help set up and 2 more volunteers to sell tickets. 3 people stepped up right away to help.

2025 / 2026 Budget – JoEllen Wuerzburger presented VPE Activities budget for the new fiscal year. Revenue \$6,612 with \$8,500 in Expenses. Paula Neumeier moved to accept the 2025/2026 Budget. This was seconded by Amy Debruin unanimous vote in favor

Open to comments: Comments accepted and heard

Next meeting scheduled on September 10, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Move to adjourn at 5:43 PM made by JoEllen Wuerzburger and seconded; unanimous vote in favor.

Submitted,

Barb Orenbaugh
Secretary VPE Activities