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## **VPE Activities Meeting Minutes**

Meeting in Clubhouse

Wednesday September 10, 2025

VPE activities meeting was held on Wednesday September 10, 2025 in the Clubhouse.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01PM by Brenda Park.

Present were Brenda Park, Chair; Paula Neumeier, Vice Chair; JoEllen Wuerzbarger, Treasurer; Katie Strand, Secretary; Amy DeBruin, Anne Heller and Barb Orebaugh. A quorum was declared by the Secretary.

### **Agenda**

Paula Neumeier motioned to accept the agenda and it was seconded by Amy DeBruin; unanimous vote in favor.

### **Minutes**

Minutes from April activities meeting were read and presented. JoEllen Wuerzbarger motioned to accept the minutes as presented. This was seconded by Amy DeBruin; unanimous vote in favor.

### **President's Report**

Summer's End is approaching and our busy season within the community is knocking on our door. This committee has been able to keep some activities alive during this hot and muggy season. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who contributed to our activities. A special Thank You goes out to Bonnie Ryan who had graciously stepped up to Host the majority of the summer Coffee Hours.

In May we kicked off the summer Coffee Hour with a Sponsorship from Sunshield Insurance Agency. Chris Murray was partnered with Doug Carney and provided an overview of Medicare, Medicaid and Medicare Advantage options. These agents will be returning on October 11<sup>th</sup> to continue their partnership with VPE and supply our residents with pertinent updates that you may not be aware of. A Sunday Sundae Event was held in June, which allowed all participating residents and guests to indulge through their scoops of ice cream. They were able to express their creativity through an array of toppings that were provided. I was much appreciative of the help from both Ray and Jane Jack for helping me Host this Event. We did not miss out during July, we celebrated Independence Day with some fried chicken, 2 side dishes and of course desserts that were enjoyed by all. We had a wonderful turnout with a count of 48 enjoying both the food and games that was led by Nancy Garrett. We were able to raise \$40 towards the Committee by holding a 50/50 Raffle and were able to award our game winners with Gift cards. 37 residents participated in the Potluck Dinner held on Saturday, August 16th. Besides the wonderful dishes created a White Elephant Gift exchange was enjoyed as well.

As a reminder, any resident within our community can Host an Event, even if it does not exist on our current Activity Committee Calendar. I appreciate Cathy and Paul Censki for reaching out, confirming this date and stepping up to organize this Event.

ABC Sale has been slow but steady throughout this summer, while residents have gone up North. Just a friendly reminder that this Sale can only be as successful as the items that are donated from our residents. If you have any donations and cannot meet the published dates, please reach out to myself or Paula Neumeier for the evaluation process and schedule for pick up.

Just a reminder, any Event requiring a ticket, may only be purchased from one of the Activity Committee members. Tickets will no longer be available in the Office from Tony.

Activity Committee has an opening to fill the responsibilities of gathering the information for the VPE Gondolier. Our office manager, Tony, has taken over this role. I have tried fulfilling most of the articles but cannot take on another subcommittee role at this time. If interested, contact me for more information. (Gondolier future is being discussed within the Activity Committee)

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

JoEllen Wuerzburger reported on the financials. From March's presented financials until August, we have the Ice Cream Social and July 4<sup>th</sup> which were both break even. We had the normal coffee expenses and ABC Sales of \$370. Activities balance is now \$9,232.51 and Bingo \$1,357.42. Barb Orebaugh made a motion to accept the financials. This was seconded by Katie Strand; unanimous vote in favor.

#### **Sub Committee Reports:**

- a. Sunshine (Cassie Dionne) – Cassie reported updates as appropriate on residents and our maintenance man's father's death. Information on these is in the Gondolier.
- b. Gondolier (Brenda Park / Tony Turlenko) – Brenda reported that the information is due by September 17<sup>th</sup> for the next edition.
- c. Library (Nancy Garrett) – Nancy reported improvements to the library. The top shelf will be lowered since these are difficult to reach. Book Club will start at the end of October. More information will come out regarding this.
- d. ABC Sales (Brenda Park / Paula Neumeier) – Brenda & Paula reported that the next sale is October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The last one was rained out.
- e. Kitchen (Jan Coble) – No Report
- f. Bingo (Deb Cinco) – No Report; bingo started last night.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Kitchen Guidelines / Duties – Brenda reported that she is actively working on this and will bring it forward in October.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Halloween Event; October 31<sup>st</sup> – Brenda reported that she and Paula are working on this. More to come!
- b. Future of the Gondolier / TV Channel / Webpage – Brenda reported that we are still looking for a volunteer to take this over still as the Office Manager is still covering this. Further discussion of this will occur as we will have a future TV Channel with the new fiber company.
- c. Appoint Officer = Secretary and Committee Member – Due to other commitments, Barb Orebaugh and Katie Strand has agreed to switch positions going forward by acclamation.
- d. New Activities Committee Members for next year; 2026/2027 – Brenda reported that we have the following opening at the end of this fiscal year as shown below. JoEllen explained the automatic recording in QuickBooks and the report is sent out to create the summary report and balance to the bank statement monthly.
  - i. Treasurer
  - ii. General Members x2

Open to comments: Comments accepted and heard from members.

- Discussed time of meeting and the committee can take it under consideration to potentially adjust.
- Veteran's Day at 1pm ceremony will be held in the clubhouse. More to come!
- Bingo monies large balance questioned. We will research further & discuss potential annual service / cleaning of the bingo board as it was explained it was for a new board once it dies. We will benchmark with the Arbors too.
- Potential volunteer for the Gondolier or Treasurer position.
- Asked if an early morning Bible study could be added. It would not be sponsored by Activities but it is something that could be done either in homes or in the Clubhouse based on availability.

Next meeting scheduled on October 8, 2025

Move to adjourn at 5:55 PM made by JoEllen Wuerzburger and seconded by Paula Neumeier unanimous vote in favor.

Submitted,

Katie Strand / Barb Orebaugh  
Secretary VPE Activities