



Venetian Park Estates, Inc.

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VPE Activities Meeting – Minutes

Meeting in Clubhouse
Wednesday November 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM

VPE Activities Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 12, at 6:00pm in the Clubhouse. The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Brenda Park.

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

Agenda

Amy Debruin so moved to accept the agenda and was seconded by JoEllen Wuerzburger, a unanimous vote in favor.

Minutes

Minutes from October activities meeting were presented as written. JoEllen Wuerzburger so moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Amy Debruin, unanimous vote in favor.

Presidents Report

Brenda Park

President's Report November 12, 2025

Octobers Coffee Hours had Sponsors for both.

October 11th, we had Chris Murray returning with Sunshield Insurance Agency. They are scheduled to return on Jan. 24, 26 with special guest speakers.

October 25th was Sponsored by our very own resident/Realtor, Katie Strand. She was able to share valuable Realty Market information with our residents.

Upcoming Coffee Hours in November is a mixture of Resident Hosting and Sponsorship on Nov. 22 by Ed Bassine Insurance.

On October 16th I represented the Activity Committee during the 'Best Practice' meeting with The Arbors. We were able to share openly on Activity that does and does not take place at each Community.

- a) Arbors have no Activity Committee; it is a very informal group that gathers at a resident's home and discusses upcoming events. (No true Leaders)
- b) No longer holding Community Sales-typically netted around \$2,500
- c) Weekly Coffee Hours are held on Wednesday with \$3 charge per resident
- d) Difficult to establish Volunteers

October 31st held the Halloween Party, this was a Spooktacular Event enjoyed by 38 guests

- a) Costume Contest & Interactive games including Bingo
- b) Raised \$135 between the Entry Fee & 50/50 Raffle

I personally want to send a huge Thank You to the entire group of Volunteers that extended much more than just this Committee. They helped with extensive decorating, actual Party activities and clean up. On Saturday morning, the Clubhouse had no trace that a Party ever took place the night before!

Hats off to both Barb & Glen Orebaugh for Hosting the Veteran's Day Ceremony. They took a different approach this year, with holding the Event on the actual Holiday as they welcomed in 26 residents. As you entered the clubhouse you were able to admire the Fallen Soldier display and Veterans were allowed to share their personal stories. Every Veteran received a gift, sang some songs as well as enjoyed some awesome cake.

Treasurers Report

JoEllen Wuerzbarger reported on the financials.

VPE Activities Balance \$ 9,036.73

Bingo Account Balance 1,182.42

ABC Revenue 175.00

Expenses 335.00

Revenue from Halloween will go into November.

Amy DeBruin made a motion to accept the Treasures Report, Katie Strand seconded the motion, a unanimous vote in favor.

- a. **Sunshine** (Cassie Dionne) – Fran Patterson moved to assisted living, Jerry Rahlston is in the hospital. Karen Click passed away.
Cassie wanted clarification if a resident wanted to book the clubhouse for a memorial if the Activities Committee had volunteers that would help. It was determined that though it isn't part of the Committees charter, help could still be requested, and the committee would do what they could if scheduling allowed. Reserving the clubhouse must go through Tony. All supplies, food and any related expenses would be the responsibility of the parties booking the clubhouse.
Cassie Dionne also wanted to know if the \$50.00 donation to a charity would continue in memory of a passed resident. Brenda Park thought that might be a Board question, in further conversation, it was decided the memorial donation would continue, but would be discussed in the future.
- b. **Gondolier** (Gina Miller) -Requested articles for the Gondolier be submitted by November 16th.
- c. **Library** (Nancy Garrett) – The library is getting more organized. The book club is very successful with 10 participants, 2 people have purchased their own books, leaving a couple of spots open for anyone wanting to join. Next meeting is Thursday, November 20th at 1:00pm. Nancy requested a donation of \$100.00 in 2026 for books.
- d. **ABC Sales** (Brenda Park / Paula Neumeier) – Brenda Park requested no items be dropped off in the back of the clubhouse, unless it is a scheduled day for donations. If you have items to donate, call Brenda Park or Paula Neumeier to arrange an appointment.
ABC sales brought in \$175.00 last month.
ABC donations will be accepted on Monday, December 29th. And Monday, January 26th.
There will be no ABC sales until the annual ABC sale in February. A flier with more information will be sent out.
- e. **Kitchen** (Jan Coble) -Brenda reported Jan has 5 volunteers to help clean and organize the kitchen and storage areas on Friday morning. If it's determined there is a surplus of equipment or supplies, items will be donated to the ABC sale.
- f. **Bingo** (Deb Cinco) – No Report

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **New Activities Committee Members** for next year; 2026/2027
 - i. Treasurer
 - ii. General Members x2
- b. **Bingo monies** / Bingo board service
Brenda Park reported that a resident wondered why Bingo had so much money in their account. It was explained that the Arbors handle their monies in the same way, they have around \$5,000.00, this ensures that repairs, replacement of Bingo equipment and payouts for jackpots are covered. We will continue to research options for new equipment and technology for the future.
- c. **Thanksgiving**-Need Host/Volunteers-Brenda Park explained that a resident was willing to volunteer but not host.
- d. **Library Chair**-Nancy Garrett had requested \$10.00 a month for books. A motion was made by Amy DeBruin to approve a 50.00 donation for 2025, the motion was seconded by Nancy Garrett, and the motion was passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Christmas Party Saturday, December 20- Gina Miller offered to host.
- b. Christmas Dinner-Thursday, December 25-Host, Food
- c. New Year's Eve-Wednesday, December 31-Host, Food
4. Next meeting will be Wednesday December 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM
5. Gina Miller moved to adjourn meeting and seconded by Amy DeBruin; unanimous vote in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.

Submitted,

Katie Strand,
Secretary VPE Activities Committee