



Venetian Park Estates, Inc.

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VPE Activities Meeting – Minutes

Meeting in Clubhouse
Wednesday January 14, 2026

VPE Activities Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 11:00am in the Clubhouse. The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Brenda Park.

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

Agenda

Amy DeBruin motioned to accept the agenda, Barb Orebaugh seconded, a unanimous vote in favor.

Minutes

Motion to accept minutes from December activities meeting was presented as written by Amy DeBruin, seconded by Anne Heller, unanimous vote in favor.

Presidents Report

Brenda Park Reported,

Novembers Coffee Hours had a mixture of Resident Hosts & Sponsor.

Gina Miller Hosted the Community Coffee & Conversation Hour on Dec. 6th with 45 residents in attendance.

The following week did not fare as well with only having 7 residents sign up by the Thursday deadline. This caused me to reach out to Michelle from the Senior Friendship Center and Cancel Coffee Hour.

A round of applause goes out to our Christmas decorators, which consisted of Paula Neumeier, Terry Deer and Mary Jo Zajeski. Much appreciation to all of you for adding the spirit to our Clubhouse for our Christmas Events. Let's toot some additional horns with the group of Volunteers that were willing to tear down, remove and put Christmas décor into containers for storage. This group consisted of Terry & Kenny Deer and Mary Jo Zajeski & Jim Tilton. Their time and efforts on this allowed me time to reorganize and clean the Activity Shed.

Games Galore at the Christmas Party Palooza, in which Gina Miller Hosted with around 40 attendees. Sharing is Caring was the Theme at the doors, with your entry fee into the clubhouse was by providing a monetary or food donation to local charities. Congratulations to our new resident, Dennis Hamlet, for winning \$80, which was his half of the Activity Committee's 50/50 Raffle. A pat on the back to Gina's elves helping at the door and the games, which included Pat Waites, Doreen Moser, Lee Kohlmeier and myself.

A lovely intimate Christmas Dinner was provided by the Committee host, Paula Neumeier, on Christmas afternoon. An entire meal was prepared and provided for 28 residents and guests. Much appreciation

goes out to our volunteers, which included Bonnie & Greg Ryan, Diane & Bob Quinlan and Pam Seitz. A few carry meals were delivered to residents as well.

Our year end ABC Sale Donation Day was held on December 29. We were able to take in an abundance of donations due to a fantastic turnout of residents stopping up at the back patio with their items. Volunteers sought out residents seeking their willingness to work the Year End Sale while dropping off their items.

Unfortunately, the New Year's Eve Event had to be cancelled due to not having a Volunteer to Host. This continues to be a gap. If you are willing to Host, but do not understand what it takes to do so, please contact any Activity Committee Member so that you may be educated on this procedure.

I truly appreciate volunteers in helping keep our community active and welcoming. To ensure the clubhouse remains clean, safe and enjoyable for everyone, please acknowledge the following host responsibilities. Ensure guests follow clubhouse rules and respect the facility. At the conclusion of the event, return the clubhouse to its original condition. This includes wiping down tables/counters used. Properly disposing of trash and removing any personal items. Straightening chairs and tables. Restroom Notice: light routine restroom use is expected. If you observe anything abnormal in a restroom that goes beyond normal cleaning (i.e.: excessive mess, plumbing issues, damage or misuse) please report it promptly to the office or Activity Committee. Reporting these issues helps us address concerns quickly and maintain standards for all residents. Your cooperation helps keep our clubhouse in excellent condition for future events. If you have any questions or need clarification before your event, please do not hesitate to reach out to any Activity Committee member. Thank you again for your time and commitment to our community.

Treasurers Report

JoEllen Wuerzbarger reported on financials.

VPE Activities Balance: \$8,874.11

Bingo Account Balance: \$1,182.42

Ending Balance: \$10,056.53

Barb Orebaugh made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, Amy DeBruin seconded the motion, a unanimous vote in favor.

Sub Committee Reports

- a. **Sunshine** (Cassie Dionne) – Brad Winans is now living at Creekside Health and Rehab, RM 103, 5511 Swift Rd Sarasota 34231. His wife Deb says cards and well wishes are appreciated.

In the Feb Gondolier, there will be a paragraph about the function of the Sunshine News, which is to be a connection between the park and residents who are ill, had surgery or are in Rehab/ Assisted Living. Cards are sent to these folks by me-signed "from your friends and neighbors at VPE". Any resident or spouse of a resident who dies is entitled to \$50 donation from Activities Comm to the charity of the family's choice. That info goes to families in the sympathy card sent approximately 3-4 weeks after the death.

Anyone wishing to have cards sent or have the incident published in the Gondolier should contact me. Cassie Dionne at cassiedionne@yahoo.com

- b. **Gondolier** (Gina Miller)- No Report
- c. **Library** (Nancy Garrett)- No Report
- d. **ABC Sales** (Brenda Park / Paula Neumeier)-Brenda Park reported the last day for donations will be Monday, January 26th. If you have large items you wish to donate, call Brenda or Paula to arrange to pick them up.
- e. **Kitchen** (Jan Coble)- No Report
- f. **Bingo** (Deb Cinco)- 31 people attended Bingo last night. Deb Cinco encourages people to attend; with more people the pots are larger. She also requested people arrive between 6:10-6:45pm to purchase their cards and tickets. Brenda Park suggested an update in the Gondolier and Amy DeBruin recommended and agreed to have a note go out on Facebook.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **New Activities Committee Members** for next year; 2026/2027 -Brenda Park reported this would be covered under New Business; bullet point e.
 - i. Treasurer
 - ii. General Members x2
- b. **Poolside Party**-Saturday, January 31-Music by Ron a new musician will perform from 2:00-4:00pm poolside, Myrtle's Sweet Treats Ice Cream Truck will have cool treats for purchase, the menu items run between \$1.00-\$5.00. BYOB
- c. **ABC Sale**- Brenda Park went over entire schedule:
 - i. January 26, last day for donations 9:00am-Noon
 - ii. February 3, clubhouse round table removal and long table set up Noon-1:00pm
 - iii. February 4, Clubhouse Staging & Volunteer Sales 8:00am-Noon
 - iv. February 5, Residents Only Sales 10:00am-2:00pm
 - v. February 6 & 7 Public Sales 8:00am-4:00pm

Additional details will be shared via Facebook, Neighbors helping Neighbors, emails, Gondolier, etc.
- d. **Year End Party**-Saturday, March 28, 2026. Amy DeBruin reported the event format will be like other years, there will be entertainment by Chris Otto's Band, a picnic style barbeque will be from Stottlemeyer's with the committee members serving.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Big Football Party- Sunday, February 8- Mike Anderson Host-Details to follow.
- b. Trivia-Saturday, January 31, Saturday, February 28-Host Pat McGee
- c. Calvary Music Event-Thursday, February 12 6:00pm-Host Carol Anderson
- d. Gallentine Tea Party-Saturday, February 14 1:00pm-3:00pm Host Paula Neumeier and Jane Jack
- e. Accepting nominations for all positions of Activities Committee-Brenda Park Reported that in addition to the previous positions that were posted, all remaining positions will be done at the end of the season. Nominations will be accepted at the February meeting for selection in March.

Association Member Comments

- a. Carol Anderson added that Calvary will be performing on the east coast on Wednesday evening February 11, they will be arriving at VPE late that evening, they will pull the bus into the grassy area across from the clubhouse as requested. She wanted to let our residents know that Calvary has an opening on Friday, February 13th to perform if anyone has a referral, let her know.

- b.** Carol Anderson wanted to confirm the clubhouse availability to host a Monday Night Football Championship Game on January 19th.
- c.** Glen Orebaugh thanked the committee and volunteers for all their efforts and hard work to make VPE a great place to live.
- d.** Deb Cinco asked how much money was raised for the charities at the Christmas Party.

Next meeting will be Wednesday February 11, 2026, at 11:00am in the Clubhouse.

Amy DeBruin moved to adjourn meeting and Barb Orebaugh seconded; unanimous vote in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:39am.

Submitted,

Katie Strand, Secretary VPE Activities Committee