



Venetian Park Estates, Inc.

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VPE Activities Meeting – Minutes

Meeting in Clubhouse
Wednesday February 11, 2026

VPE Activities Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 11, 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; Paula Neumeier-Vice Chair Katie Strand-Secretary; Anne Heller-, Amy DeBruin and Barb Orebaugh. A quorum was declared by the Secretary.

Agenda

Brenda Park motioned to amend the agenda with the addition of (d) under old business, JoEllen Wuerzburger seconded, a unanimous vote in favor.

Minutes

Motion to accept minutes from January activities meeting was presented as written by Amy DeBruin, seconded by JoEllen Wuerzburger, unanimous vote in favor.

Presidents Report

Brenda Park Reported, January's Coffee Hours had a mixture of Activity Committee Member Hosts and a Sponsor. Anne & Doug Heller Hosted the Community Coffee & Conversation Hour on Jan. 10th. A quarterly presentation was given by a returning Sponsor, Sunshield Agency, on the 24th. After Chris Murray provided updates to all aspects of Medicare and Medicaid, he quizzed our residents on their knowledge by playing 'Who's Smarter than a 65th Grader?' Prizes in hand, with a stack of \$2 bills and bottles of donated wine.

Welcome Back Fiesta Party was held on Jan. 18th with 118 tickets sold. This was chaired by a committee member, JoEllen, as well as supported by all the remaining Committee members. Either by Clubhouse staging, décor or serving Mexican style food to the residents. After dinner, we were able to boogie down on the dance floor with music provided by a returning favorite, Ramona Hermansa. As this Committee Chair, I recognize how this was a good example of how each of these Activity Committee members volunteered their time to pull off such a wonderful evening for this community and I personally want to say 'Thank You' to not only them but also to Carolyn Wood who supplied homemade, Salsa, Guacamole and Beans.

Although cold days came abruptly to VPE, it did not put a damper on our Acoustic Music Event. The show must go on and moved from poolside to the clubhouse. Ron Dropic was a great backdrop for the numerous residents that gathered and enjoyed some chicken tacos along with salsa and chips on January 31st.

Continuing with our cold weather the next day, Pam Seitz hosted a 'Soup Day on a Chilly Day' which welcomed all residents to sign up for. She offered various homemade soups for a simple donation. This gathering had over 50 residents in attendance, as well as raising a total of \$86 from the 50/50 raffle and soup donations. Congratulations to Bonnie Ryan on winning the \$50 from the raffle.

Last call for our year end ABC Sale Donation Day was held on January 29. The number of items that were donated on this day was a little overwhelming to say the least. We had a couple of volunteers, Glen Newman and Rob (Paula's brother) driving the golf cart for those large items to be picked up from residents' homes. On this day several committee members worked on sorting, packing up and hanging clothing in preparation for the Year End Public Sale. Volunteers continued to be sought out to try and cover all areas of this Sale. Final Sales information to be shared in the Treasury report and reflection items in the Sub Committee Reports

Treasurers Report

JoEllen Wuerzburger reported on financials. VPE Activities Balance \$8,246.83, Bingo Balance \$1,182.42. It was reported the budget for ABC was \$2,592.00 Net proceeds of sale \$5,420.48.

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

Sub Committee Reports

- a. **Sunshine** Cassie Dionne reported on several residents' health status, cards sent and waiting for charitable donation information from Jake Jacobson's family.
- b. **Gondolier** Gina Miller reported she would like submissions for the Gondolier by February 15th for March. Pam Seitz wanted to remind residents of the ladies' luncheon that was omitted in the February newsletter. The luncheon will be at Clever Monkey.
- c. **Library** Nancy Garrett was happy to report on the success of the library. The new books have been well received; the Author of the month and Book Club are doing great. Book club is Thursday, February 19, and will continue the third Thursday of the month, there are currently 13 participants.
- d. **ABC Sale-** Brenda Park felt she could have been a little more organized leading up to the sale by labeling bins and separating items ahead of having volunteers. On the first day of set up, volunteer sales were \$400.00. The resident-only-sale brought in \$800.00, both days were received very well. Far fewer items were left over than expected, they were boxed up and donated. The volunteer meal ticket was well received and appreciated. Brenda gave a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their part in the sale. Carol Anderson went on to thank Brenda Park for her leadership, planning and her special attention given to the volunteers by giving them a day to shop. Cassie Dion commended Brenda and the committee for their hard work. She also stated the \$3.00 bag at the end of the sale was very successful. Paula Neumeier stated how thrilled she was with the Rooms to Go staging and turnover on the dressed mannequins, the whole sale was a great success.
- e. **Kitchen** (Jan Coble) No Report
- f. **Bingo** John Wuerzburger reported there were 36 people at Bingo.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Anne Heller nominated Pam Seitz for the Activities Committee, Pam declined. Nominations were then opened to the floor, Pam Seitz nominated Joanne Flanagan, she accepted. Pam Seitz was re-nominated and she accepted. It was decided that we will wait until the March membership meeting to see if more volunteers step forward.
- b. **Year End Party**-Saturday, March 28, 2026. Amy DeBruin reported there will be entertainment by Chris Otto's 5-piece band, a picnic style barbeque from Stottlemeyer's and salad from Shaner's.
- c. **Gallentine Event**-Paula Neumeier reported it will be a small event with chicken salad croissant, fruit, chocolate rose strawberries, flowers and a game or two. Brenda Park

stated this was to be a *Women-Empowering Women* event Saturday, February 14, from 1:00-3:00pm.

- d. (Follow up from a resident question during the January meeting) Brenda Park reported \$450.00 was raised at the Christmas Party, \$225.00 was donated to Resurrection House and \$225.00 was donated to All Faiths Food Bank. Gina Miller said Resurrection House sent a thank you note for the donation, nothing was received from All Faiths Food Bank.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Trivia-Saturday, February 28 & March 28 Host Pat McGee requested attendees arrive at 6:30pm.
- b. St. Patrick's Horse Race Sunday, March 15, 7:00pm. Host Gina Miller requested volunteers to be ponies and other positions, she mentioned all proceeds go to the Activities Committee.
- c. Calvary Music Event-Thursday, February 12 6:00pm-Host Carol Anderson

Association Member Comments

- a. Pam Seitz and JoAnn Flanagan requested a date for a Strawberry Social in March.
- b. Pam Seitz was approached by a representative from AAA, requesting to sponsor a Coffee Hour.

Next meeting will be Wednesday March 11, 2026, at 9:00am in the Clubhouse.

Amy DeBruin moved to adjourn meeting and Paula Neumeier seconded; unanimous vote in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:06pm.

Submitted,

Katie Strand, Secretary VPE Activities Committee

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