

## Board Meeting - February 23, 2015

### Present:

Tama Allen - President

Marge Ross - Vice President

Rosalind Ganz - Treasurer

Jan Weingard - Secretary

Advisory Members - Nancy Burbank, Jan Ennes, Carmen , Maureen Monda, Jean Rose, Donna Williams, Eileen Eno, Diane Davidoff.

### Treasurer's Report:

End of 2014 Balance:      \$ 2,418.18

Net Profit from BINGO:      606.00

Current Balance:      \$ 3, 024.18

We asked everyone to think of different charities and organizations for us to donate extra funds to. We all agreed that Marion County residents should benefit from our donation. Marion County Hospice, or Food Pantry perhaps.

### Carmen's Findings for this year's Holiday Party:

Carmen and her dedicated committee researched and visited several caterers. After thorough scrutiny, she presented two finalist caterers for possibly hosting our party in December. After much discussion, a vote determined the winner: **ATHENS** (Vic Embers was the other finalist.)

Athen's price is \$31.50 pp, and we are entertaining the idea of the club contributing some funds to try and bring down the cost to \$25.00 pp. We will discuss further.

As last year's appetizer trays were a big hit, we will also have these available for our residents. We will make up some cheese/cracker trays to present at our cocktail hour.

### **Tama's Findings for Entertainment for the Holiday Party:**

Tama and her dedicated committee researched three options for entertainment. Steve Robinson, a DJ extraordinaire, DJ Casey Heathman, and vocalist Betsy Starr. After much discussion, a vote determined the winner: **Steve Robinson**. Tama will secure him ASAP.

Tama will double check with Savannah Center to check on ice for our residents. (Yes, there is ice...we just have to ORDER it for our event.)

We decided that we will not have a "Decorate Your Own Centerpiece" Contest, and that we will just dust off our old ones and spruce them up a bit.

### **Early Derby Event, April 29th:**

Tama is looking for some helpful suggestions on this event. Jan E. knows someone from Briarwood (Jean) and will give her contact information. Jan W. will contact a friend (Chad) who recently attended a derby party and get some ideas on the betting, etc.

Donna suggested that each horse (we have 6) could have names from the different parts of our village: Ashleigh, Cameron, Greenwood, MerryOak, MorningView, and one more for the single family home areas. She further suggested that each horse have a specific color, and that residents from each community dress according to their horse's colors.

We will have a Best Hat Award, and a drink station. We will supply the mixers, and each guest will have to bring their own alcohol.

### **Further talk of the Wagon Wheel Meet & Greet:**

Tama checked into the Polo Grounds to use for a golf cart pot luck dinner. They will rent us their parking lot for \$ 295 for 2 hours only. They will open up their restrooms, but that is it. The Board did not think this was worth pursuing, and the conversation for this idea was dropped.

## **Other Meet & Greet Ideas:**

*NewsFlash:* Wednesdays, Calumet Grove Pool 4 pm. There is already a set time and place set up. Just bring something to eat, and drink and join in.

Donna and Eileen have many ideas, as their MerryOaks Community have parties every month, and are well attended.

Meet up at Chatham Picnic Tables, and have a dinner/swim party. Can only accommodate around 30-40 people, though.

## **Publicity:**

Donna suggested that we send an ad to the Rec. News, and the television station, and radio station. Jan sent announcement emails to the television station, and the Rec. News on Feb. 25th, listing our website.

## **Final Thoughts:**

Donna suggested to hand out flyers at the postal station for upcoming events, and said she and Eileen would be happy to do this.

Discounts for buying tickets early for events.

Have name tags at all functions, and name tags for board members.