**Adult/Senior Committee Meeting – MINUTES**

**Monday, December 18, 2023 3:00pm**

1. **Attendance:**

**Devin Frendreis – Homewood-Flossmoor**

**Renee Beck – Wilmington Park District**

**Sarah Carr- Pleasant Dale Park District**

**Ashley – Calumet Memorial Park District**

**Kristine – Romeoville Rec Dept**

**Marie – Downers Grove Park District**

**Dyana – Homewood- Flossmoor Park District**

**Kim – Woodridge Park District**

**Topics of Discussion:**

**Favorite Holiday Traditions:**

* Appetizer Night **(Sarah)** Buddig Beef Rolls <https://buddig.com/recipes/pinwheels-appetizer>
* Filling all the stocking **( Renee )**
* Wrapping presents and watching A Christmas Story on Christmas Eve **( Kristine)**
* Watching polar express and hot chocolate **( Ashley)**
* Superdawg on Christmas Eve**( Devin)**
* Making grilled cheese **(Dyana)**
* Enjoying a ham with family and doing a grab bag (Saranwrap game) **( Kim)** <https://lilluna.com/saran-wrap-ball-game/>
* Clock bag on New Year’s Eve (paper clocks, with activities inside of them (bingo, spoons, LCR) to help pass the time. **(Kristine)**

1. **Holiday Happenings**

* **Romeoville-** Lunch in the gym with the mayor, raffles from department heads, and various holiday activities!
* **Homewood- Flossmoor Park District -** Favorite Things Holiday Party held at Wiley’s Grill. Everyone brings their favorite thing under $10.00 and exchanges it. Entertainment at 1:00pm. Meals ended up being $12.00 a person. Next year, I will be raising the price of the event to $25.00 to cover costs further.
* **Woodridge –** White Elephant, Banquet Hall, $30.00, Entertainment included.
* **Pleasant Dale Park District-** Middle School Choir, Regular Lunch, and Christmas Carole Bingo.
* **Wilmington Park District -** Senior Chair Exercise Class- going to El Patron for Christmas Lunch. Went to
* Von Heidecke’s Chicago Festival Ballet’s The Nutcracker Nutcracker in Joliet. Tickets were donated to the Park District from the dance company.

<https://rialtosquare.com/event/von-heideckes-chicago-festival-ballets-the-nutcracker/>

<https://www.joliet.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/7529/3073?toggle=all>

(Ticket Prices $43.00 dollars per person)

(Did not find any information regarding group sales)

1. **Bus Trips:** Do you wait for people running late on bus trips?

* Everyone agrees you should wait if you can (If you don’t have a timeline shopping trip etc.) ( 10 minutes max)
* If you have a time line of things to do and shows to be at you should make sure your check in time is before your leave time
* (Example: Check in early (8:45) but bus leaves at 9:00am)
* Some districts doing a 45-minute window before to try to help with late comers
* Make phone calls the day before the event reminding everyone of the event and the bus departure time to try to help cut back on people showing up late.

1. **Winter Trips**

* **November –** Willy Wonka (Pleasant Dale)
* **December** – Sweet and Salty Indiana Trip – Homewood was a success
* **January-** Cinderella – Durry Lane (Jan 4) Romeoville Cancelled already due to low participation (Joint Trip with Lemont) only had 5 register <https://drurylanetheatre.com/cinderella/> . Need 15 to make the min
* WNDER Chicago Museum – Romeoville and Bolingbrook (partnering together)
* <https://wndrmuseum.com/location/chicago/>
* *(Ice Castles Trip – Winter Trip idea for next Jan (2025) for Adults) Homewood wondering if anyone has gone before?*
* *Last year the castles did not run because of the temperatures ( did not get cold enough)*
* Holiday Hallmark – Glenco Event (How can we adapt the program to meet our needs at our communities) <https://glencoeparkdistrict.com/calendar/events/hallmark-holiday>

1. **Budgets**

* Romeoville – Due in November, reviewing in January and new budget starts in May. (put in a 5%)
* Discussed the Paid Leave Act for all Workers (Park District is exempt but Village is not, working to navigate it.)
* Plesendale – Start in Jan. Budget cycle starts in May
* Kim – Calendar Year Budgets (Budgeting for Trips only)

1. **Attendance**

* Woodridge- Attendance is pretty steady for daily programming. However, I see a drip in the day trip participation. I work on pushing them to the end of Jan.
* Homewood-Flossmoor Park District- It depends on the day and weather for program. Working on pumping up new in house programming like soup, salad, and scrabble, candle making, and world pi day.
* Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Adults – starting to do more classes like “How To Classes”, crocheting, and macrame
* Romeoville – Fitness booms in Jan. Senior exercise programs keeps steady. Trying to avoid planning trips during the dead of winter

1. **Partnerships:**

Homewood – Starbucks has been faithful but times are tough with partnerships and sponsorships

Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas Everyone!

*Next Meeting Monday, Jan 22 at 3:00pm \* meeting date moved due to Holiday.*