

Good Times Committee Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2019

5:30pm

Attendees: Dave, Cameron, Judy, Gerry, Terrel, Treza, Rachel, Bob & Tracy

Old Business:

The May meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

New Business:

1. **Review Summer Events**--June 14-Phoenix Mercury Pride Night; June 21st-- D-Backs vs Giants Pride Night; July 8th-- Billiards; July 28--Jumping J food/drink night/games; August 12--Take me out to the ball game!; August 25--Gathering; September 9--Gathering.

The responses were that there was a low turnout with the exception of the Ice Cream Social. For that event there was an email sent to the members as a reminder. It was suggested that especially during the summer we should send out that reminder to improve participation at the gatherings.

2. **September 16th, Lunch at Betty's Rooste, 11:30 am.** First club bi-monthly luncheon at Betty's Rooste. **Bob--will you send out eVite?**

3. **September 18th Arizona MLB Fall League Begins.** This is where teams send either up and coming players to compete or any player they want to send to this league. The game tickets are around \$7 (maybe more this fall) and concessions are available. Game times vary between 12:30 MST and 6:30 pm MST. Here is a link to information and schedule: <https://www.mlb.com/arizona-fall-league>. Maybe we can pick a game and go as a club.

There was some discussion about these games, and it was determined that we should place the information on the website and let people know the events are available, not making it a club sponsored event. **Tracy will discuss this with Betsy.**

4. **September 22nd, LGBT Gathering, 2:00.** State 48 Brewery?? How about a change of scenery? Should we gather for a pint and some appetizers? (Parties of 10 or more have an 18% gratuity added.)

This is the date that the club sponsored play event "Spamalot" is occurring. It was determined that the club would not have a gathering that date. In lieu of that, it was decided that we should offer a dine out night the following Sunday, September 29th, at Texas Roadhouse on Grand Ave. Time will be 2:00-4:00pm. **Tracy will call one hour in advance to get a section of the restaurant reserved for our group. They do not take reservations. Bob will send out an evite to gauge participation.**

5. **October 3rd, Thursday--Monthly breakfast at Betty's Rooste, 8:30am**

Bob will issue the usual evite.

6. **October 12th, Saturday--2019 Walk to End Alzheimer's West Valley** (Sun City West, Beardsley)--We are registered as a team--SCW Amblers.

There are several people signed up for this event and Tracy will bring it u at the Luncheon on Monday.

7. **October 14th, LGBT gathering, 5:30 pm--Get your Lederhosen On! It's time for an Oktoberfest celebration!**

Members will be provided with barbecued Brats, buns, and mustard. Please bring a side dish and beverage of your choice. What will you bring? Sauerkraut? Potato pancakes? Strudel? (Would like to have an eVite sent so we can see how much food we need to provide. **Bob will be sending an evite and he and Tracy will go shopping. Bob will request an AV unit for this event like last year so Gerry can provide authentic German entertainment.** This will also be our third General Meeting for the year.

8. **October 27th, LGBT gathering, 2:00 pm**--This is also the day for an evening concert at Beardsley. Ideas? The regularly scheduled gathering will be cancelled at the Men's Club so that we can go to the concert. **Bob will need to cancel the room for that night and post a sign on the Men's Club door.**
9. **November 2nd, Sedona Hike**--Should this be canceled? This is the same weekend as Palm Springs Pride. Also, we do not have access to Rob and Walt's home in Sedona since they will be in Palm Springs. **The decision was to cancel this hike as it is the same weekend as Palm Springs Pride.**
10. **November 7th, Monthly breakfast at Betty's Rooste 8:30am**
Bob will issue the usual evite.
11. **November 10th, Palm Ridge Summit Room B**--There is the thought of having a bbq, since we will have the patio. The room can hold around 120 people. Can we have access to the kitchen in this room as well? There is a kitchen with a refrigerator, microwave, coffee pot, serving carts, sink. Kathleen and Kris from Dreamcatchers will not be available to help fund this.
Bob checked out the room and we will need to request access to the kitchen. Having this as a catered event was discussed and it was decided that we would get food from Fry's. **Bob will send out an evite to save the date so we will know how much food to get. Tracy will create a flyer with a sign-up sheet to be turned in by the members.** No charge to members, and \$5 for guests. **Bob will issue the request for the kitchen and cancel the request for the BBQ.** November 6th is the deadline to register for the event. The theme for this event will center around celebrating the advances of the LGBT community. We will need help with set up and clean up and the room is available to us at 9:00. This is a BYOB event.
12. **November 11th, LGBT gathering, 5:30 pm**--This is Veterans' Day. Should we cancel this since we just had an event on the 10th?
The decision was to cancel the gathering on Veterans Day, November 11th as a result of the Social on Sunday 11/10. **Bob will issue the request to cancel the room for that day with the Rec Center.**
13. **November 18th, Lunch at Betty's Rooste, 11:30 am**--Club bi-monthly lunch.
Bob will issue an Evite to get a headcount for the restaurant.
14. **December 5th, Monthly breakfast at Betty's Rooste, 8:30 am**
Bob will issue the usual evite.
15. **December 9th, LGBT Gathering 5:30 pm**--Is this when we do nomination for officers?
This will be our annual elections meeting as well as our fourth General Meeting.
16. **December 13th Friday, Quad Club Holiday Party in Sun City**
17. **December 22nd, LGBT Gathering 2:00 pm**--Holiday themed appetizers/potluck and gift exchange. Members bring a holiday themed dish to share. Members bring a wrapped gift that costs no more than \$20 for a swapping type activity. (Members do NOT have to bring a gift if they do not want to participate in the gift exchange activity). Numbers will be drawn to figure out the order of who goes when. Each gift can be possessed a total of three (3) times.

Other suggestions from the team:

Rachel is involved in some choral activities that involve concerts over the next several weeks. She would like to have the information placed on the website for all to see, to encourage participation from our club. **Bob will provide the dates, times and locations to Betsy to post on the website. We will ask Gus to provide the information on the Newsletter.** November 1st is Promusica. **Bob will get Betsy info that came from Rachel.** Culture Passes are available through Maricopa Library.

It was suggested that we view the Christmas Lights at Corte Bella this year. There are a few streets that have spectacular displays of lights. After the light show it was suggested that we meet at the Fry's Wine Bar for socializing. Bob will send out an invite to meet at Section 16 at 4:45pm on December 21st and we can carpool or caravan to Corte Bella.

There was a suggestion that we take a trip up the road to Wickenburg one day in the cooler weather to see the city and get some lunch or dinner at a local restaurant. There is a western museum there and our own Jerry Cowdrey was once a docent there.

Another suggestion was to go to Prescott to do the same thing as in Wickenburg also during cooler weather.

January 25th--Saturday, Arizona Hot Air Balloon Classic, Goodyear

Arizona 7:00 am to 10:30 am-- LGBT sponsored event. We will depart from RH Johnson parking area #16 at 7:00 am.

Afterwards we will breakfast at a local restaurant. More information: <https://abcfest.com/>

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