

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Membership Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:05 at the Astoria Senior Center.

Members present: Gail Sunderland, Rollie Lindstrom, Art and Kay Limbird, Aletha Westerberg and Marlene Colendich.

Members Absent: Charlotte Thiringer, Elfie Gross and Jean Hooge.

There was one correction to the June minutes. Our September meeting was on the 17th not the 3rd.

We talked about the outcome of our annual picnic held at Cullaby Lake. There was a good turn out and the food was great as usual. We played bingo and two of the games were for the worst card. A great prize of a roll of toilet paper was given to the winner! Yeah! A few of us sang some songs which was a lot of fun and would be fun to do again next year. We will also have a game of bingo for the worst card again.

Our Christmas Holiday Bash this year will be Saturday, December 1, 2018, from noon until 4pm. We will plan on eating around 12:30pm. Our food will be catered by Tara Magnuson. She will need to have an extra person to help dish out the food so we will be giving Tara an extra \$120 gratuity. Our menu will be as follows:

prime rib and chicken

vegetarian quiche

garlic mashed potatoes

mac and cheese

carrots

green salad

berry cobbler

apple crisp

Beverages will include coffee, tea and water. The cost of the dinner will be \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. We will be sending out the invitations by October 31. Everyone will need to RSVP no later than November 21, 2018.

Elff, bless her heart, will again be in charge of the decorations. She will be making the center pieces for our tables to be raffled off later. The senior center already has Christmas table cloths.

Art Limbird will be in charge of calling out the numbers for the raffle. Raffle tickets will be given out when members arrive. Gail Sunderland and Marlene Colendich will be in charge of greeting everyone and handing out the name tags and raffle tickets.

We discussed having a member give a little talk about things to look forward to in the coming year. Maybe we could have someone come in as a guest speaker. Dolcye Taylor's name came up as a person who could talk about the restoration of the ferry boat for 5-15 minutes? We also talked about not having Santa Claus this year. Instead we would have everyone bring in a non-perishable food item for the food bank. A basket will be provided for that purpose.

We also had two thoughts of having background Christmas music and/or having Mary Ann Ylipelto playing Christmas music on her guitar. Maryanne's meal would be taken care of.

Another idea we had was having members give us ideas on what they would like to do during our Christmas celebration. Maybe having members rotate to different tables to get to know other members they may never get a chance to meet. We then talked of some social games. We decided to have everyone send us something interesting about them that maybe no one knows about and attach that info with their RSVP. We can have that info written up and see if we can guess who that person is. If you are able to stump everyone you will receive a little prize. Gail Sunderland and Marlene Colendich are in charge of prizes.

We discussed about becoming a member of the Chamber of Commerce. There are a lot of pluses to being a Chamber member as we can get more information about ENCORE out to more people. The Chamber has a monthly newsletter that goes out that we would be able to include some of our activities and upcoming events. We can also send out flyers as long as we are able to get the flyers out to them in time for their monthly newsletter. These are just a few of the many benefits we can utilize as members. The cost of the membership is \$105 per year of which the Membership Committee would pay for. Rollie Lindstrom will bring this up before the board meeting on September 24th. Everyone was in favor.

Publicity: We talked of getting a nice colored poster containing our information with our ENCORE logo. We can distribute this throughout our area. Some of the businesses that were mentioned were the library, Astoria senior center, college, aquatic center, Fred Meyer, post office and the Warrenton Center among others. Aletha made the motion and Marlene seconded the motion and all in favor for the poster.

Art Limbird made a presentation at the conference on Extraordinary Living that was held at the college. We had 6 new members join us. Wow.

The next lunch bunch will be Friday, October 5, at noon at Fultano's Pizza.

Our next membership meeting will be October 15, 2018 at 1:00pm at the Senior Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.

Respectively Yours, Gail Sunderland