

Notes from Program Advisory Committee Meeting
March 8, 2017

Committee and staff members present: Harriett Karuhije, Rita Miller, Gertrude Slifkin, Ron Irion, Jan Cary, Melanie Rose White, Elaine El-Khawas, Stephanie Olshan, Bob Loftus, Anne O'Neil and Jennie Fogarty.

Helen Vamvas and Nancy White could not attend. Both called ahead with suggestions- Nancy about Toby's Dinner Theater and Helen about the Toulouse Lautrec exhibit at the Phillips Collection through April.

Jennie went over upcoming trips and programs. Anne had information about a production of "Titanic" at Good Counsel High School and organizing a bus trip for anyone interested in attending the April 1 matinee. The cost would be \$42 for the bus and a ticket. She then discussed a possible fall trip to Wilmington, Brooklyn and Long Island. Though she didn't know the total cost yet, she had figured the hotels and bus alone would be \$1,071. Meals and museum admissions, etc, would add to that. Committee members were asked to rate their interest in the trip from 1 to 10.

Ron

Said he was an 8 for the trip. He suggested other day trips: Amish Market, the Odyssey, and the Laurel Racetrack. He asked Melanie for an update on the shopping center renovation. Melanie said she understood new restaurants would open the end of 2017.

Melanie

Was an 8 and reminded everyone of the final budget hearing on March 13.

Elaine

Asked again about offering CPR classes and suggesting cutting the trip to 3 days and focusing on Brooklyn.

Rita

She proposed a trip to Tanglewood, a talk on healthy eating out, a musical group called the Parnas Sisters, showing travel films and asking Adventure Theatre to bring a puppet show here.

Stephanie

Suggested several weekend children's programs: kids and flamenco dancing; a forum on bullying; and a tour of the folk art at the American Art Museum followed by a workshop. She also suggested a nighttime tour of DC in a double-decker bus; a tour of Brookside Gardens in connection with the Christmas time visit to the Mormon Temple; showing outdoor movies in the summer; bringing an ice cream truck to the park and holding outdoor games. She mentioned perhaps asking FHNN for help with finding volunteers for activities. She also recommended the Homer and Sargent exhibit at the Phil Museum of Art and another at the MFA in Richmond of Yves Saint Laurent fashions.

Gertrude

Prefers trips with only one hotel. Her ideal trip was one night in NYC with two shows. Anne mentioned that another thought for the fall is a trip to Mohonk Mountain House with trips out from there to Hudson Valley sites.

Jan

Said she would give a trip to Mohonk a 9 or 10. She brought brochures from Strathmore.

Bob

Suggested a moonlight walk at the Arboretum; a bus trip to Antietam, Gettysburg or Manassas; going out with an astronomer to look at the night sky; and a visit to the American Diner to see old movies.

The committee's next meeting will be Wednesday, May 3, at 4:30 p.m.