

Notes from Program Advisory Committee Meeting
September 13, 2017

Committee and staff members present: Rita Miller, Gertrude Slifkin, Helen Vamvas, Ron Irion, Jan Cary, Melanie Rose White, Stephanie Olshan, Harriett Karuhije, Anne O'Neil and Jennie Fogarty. Resident Cleo Tavani also attended.

Melanie discussed the survey the CAC had created and may send to all residents. Committee members were given a copy and asked to give comments. Jennie went over upcoming trips and programs. Anne asked for volunteers for the Halloween party. Anne and Jennie said they were considering a Viking river cruise in France the last week of July 2018. They gave details and asked for opinions. Stephanie offered her thoughts on the cruise, which she took this past July. The cost for a basic cabin would be \$3,129 (this was later increased), double occupancy, based on 18 people.

Ron

Yes on the trip; he suggested a visit to the Amish market.

Stephanie

Suggested beginning language classes; a trip to Strathmore for tea, art and a concert; dinner at the Charleston restaurant in Baltimore; Everyman Theatre in Baltimore; Hillwood in the spring when the gardens are in bloom; a foliage trip on Skyline Drive; a children's art project; and, a jazz combo and refreshments for Valentine's Day.

Harriett

Yes on the trip. Suggested a "Monuments by Moonlight" bus tour and another trip to the races. She said the survey should include a question about the cost of the programs (too high?)

Cleo Tavani

Said the survey is an insult to the program staff and PAC. She also felt the questions are too broad.

Helen

Yes on the trip. She brought information from the Kennedy Center about a reinterpretation of Handel's Messiah as well Second City. She also suggested a trip to a winery; lunch on the Odyssey; a boat from Alexandria to National Harbor; and, dinner at Fiola Mare. She thought the survey had interesting questions.

Gertrude

She's happy to have the survey so she can tell the Council about the dangerous crosswalk on Willard in front of Willard. She asked if we could give more information about the movies in the newsletter- e.g. if appropriate for children.

Rita

Suggested showing the movies "The Wedding Plan" and "Peggy Guggenheim, Art Addict"; a sing-along with lunch; home safety for the elderly; and, a trip to see the different architectural styles in Washington.

Jan

Asked about the cost of the survey- Melanie said it would be \$4,000- and if we could use Uber for our trips (the reply was no).

The committee's next meeting will be Wednesday, November 1 or 8 (depending on the date of CAC's meeting), at 5:30 p.m.