

Notes from Program Advisory Committee Meeting  
March 14, 2018

Committee and staff members present: Ron Irion, Rita Miller, Harriett Karuhije, Stephanie Olshan, Jan Cary, Melanie Rose White, Anne O'Neil and Jennie Fogarty. Also attending were residents Clara Lovett and Joan Gilbert.

Anne and Jennie went over upcoming trips and programs. Anne said she was planning a "royal wedding watch" at the Center on the (early) morning of May 19.

Melanie

Needs names of residents who are turning 100 this year for centenarian awards at Community Day.

Rita

Glenstone's new expansion opens in October; suggested asking Bob Levey with the Beacon to speak as well as Rebecca Oppenheimer, a book buyer at Kramerbooks; and, recommended showing the movie "Israel: The Royal Tour."

Stephanie

Commented on a Smithsonian trip she took to see the Terracotta Warriors. They charged more for their trip than we charge for ours and offered less. Lunch was sandwiches- she prefers a hot meal. She suggested advertising trips earlier and stressing the convenience of leaving from the Center. She brought information about the Chihuly exhibit at the Biltmore Estate; the Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton, Va; and, a movie about the Architectural Center in Columbus, Indiana (not Ohio). She recommended a new caller for future square dances and Enid Portnoy for a playreading group. She suggested buying a filmed series of lectures by Bill Moyers (and charging a small fee for attendees) and asking someone from American Plant Food to talk about container gardens,

Jan

Strathmore is installing an escalator, a project that should take a year and a half.

Harriett

Wants to go to the races. Anne suggested an overnight trip that would included the Charles Town races, theater in Shepherdstown, Antietam Battlefield and Harper's Ferry.

Ron

Asked about the status of the survey. Melanie said the survey needs to focus on programming; the Council is still working on it. He also suggested trips to the Freer and Sackler Galleries, the Wharf and a Nationals baseball game.

Clara Lovett recommended combining a trip to Shepherdstown and a battlefield. She told us that she goes to the theater festival every July and mid-week is the best time to find tickets. The challenge is finding lodging. Stephanie said Martinsburg would be a good option for a hotel. Joan Gilbert said she would like a trip to Tanglewood.

The committee's next meeting will be May 16, at 5:30 p.m.