

## Meeting Notes 01/28/26

**Attendance: Cyndi, Gayle, Heather, Meegan, Mikaela**

## Newcomers Initiative – Sunset Social

### Budget

- \$850 total budget
- Mikaela noted it likely won't all be spent

### Welcome & Outreach

- Handwritten welcome letters (retroactive to January 2025)
  - Include direction to Facebook group
  - Gayle and Meegan to help with cards
- Launch a **Tenured Buddy System**
  - Sign-up sheet sent via email
  - Buddies serve as referrals and event chaperones
  - “Tenured” does not require long-term residency
- Mikaela to check if flyers can be placed in mailboxes
- Include flyers for local restaurants

### Event Details

- Pizza social on the beach
- Badges with name + year moved in
- Map of the Shores available
- Basket set up along the line with a Shores towel
- Sandwich board with upcoming events
- Target date: **June 14**

## Ongoing & Seasonal Events

### Food Drive

- Hold 4 times per year
- Coordinate timing with Amy at Town Hall
- Use sandwich board and possible signage
- Consider ramping up for summer

## Holiday Events

- **Christmas Tree**
    - Shores Christmas tree on playground side
    - Mikaela to check with Liz if agreeable
  - **Light Contest**
    - Update signs and improve uniformity and change up some categories
    - Halloween categories to be added
  - **Christmas Party**
    - Update time to 10:00 AM to see if we get better turnout
  - **Christmas Caroling**
    - Encourage participation
    - Idea for Clubhouse to be the final stop so residents can hear caroling and participate in the event since we can't get to every house.
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## Winter & Spring Events

- **Trivia Nights**
    - February, March, April
    - Heather to coordinate
  - **Chili Cookoff**
    - Bunny to run, Danielle to assist
    - February 22, 3–5 PM
  - **Blood Drive**
    - Ask the Board
    - Gayle to reach out to Red Cross
  - **Other Winter Activities**
    - Organized organically via Facebook (sledding, snowman building etc.)
  - **Shores Egg Hunt**
    - March 29 at 3:00 PM
    - Bunny costume available; Bunny's daughter will be the bunny
    - Kids to help with stuffing eggs
    - Cyndi to purchase peanut free candy
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## Summer Events

- **Summer Band Nights**
  - Bands booked 7/18, 8/15, 9/5
  - Need to work on food trucks
- **Water Fest**
  - End-of-year event in late June at the Shores

- **Summer Movie Nights**
    - Meegan to confirm dates, aiming for:
      - Kids Movie: June 20
      - Adult Movie: August 1 or August 8
  - **Summer Picnic**
    - July 25 – Twins BBQ
  - **Ice Cream Truck**
    - Vendor to be identified
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## **Admin & Communication**

- Recreation Committee email sign-in and monitoring
  - Sandwich boards used for major announcements
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## **Next Meeting**

 **February 17 at 7:00 PM**