

House Activities Committee Minutes, December 5, 2024

Attendees: Pat Degnan, Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Holiday Party- December 7, 7-11p
 - Motion approved for J&M Catering at Nov Board Meeting; FYI on musicians presented at Nov Board Meeting
 - Drink specials offered by Patrizia; invites mailed to new homeowners (purchases since Dec 2024)
 - Discussed newly purchased supplies and décor, many can be used for NYE as well
 - Will do preliminary room set up Saturday morning to make the evening easier
- Holiday Decorating
 - Discuss additional items to purchase this year: fairy lights for mantles, TR mantle décor, collar for GL tree, garland for staircase, thin tree for foyer
 - Discussed moving decorating to an evening before Thanksgiving for 2025; committee in favor of this; pencil in Thursday Nov 20, 2025
- NYE
 - Ticket sale status is slow as expected; asked Maintenance to put up sign; will ask Alyssa to promote on social media; Pat will email the seniors to remind them to buy tickets; Kristen will buy balloon drop bags; no other supplies are needed; will offer the colorful NYE décor to WC's Noon Year's Eve event
- Dueling Pianos- January 31, 6-10:30p tickets on sale Jan 11
 - Motion approved to hire Shake, Rattle and Roll Pianos at Nov Board Meeting; will create event on Eventbrite
- Comedy Night- April 5, 2025
 - Motion to hire Antonio Camacho for \$3,500 to provide three comedians for Comedy Night on April 5, 2025; committee voted in favor (3 in favor, 0 opposed); ticket prices to remain the same at \$35/\$45
 - Will discuss a ticket sale date with office

Upcoming Event dates

- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd
- Clubhouse Holiday Decorating- December 1, 9a-12p
- WML Member Holiday Party- December 7
- NYE- December 31- Tickets on sale Nov 23
- Dueling Pianos- January 31- Tickets on sale Jan 11
- Comedy Night- April 5

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:27 pm

Minutes written by Kristen Neu (Co-Chair) & approved by Roger Crook (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, November 6, 2024

Attendees: Pat Degnan, Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu, Val Mendez-Lopez

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd
 - 168 tickets sold; had a lot of help cleaning up/breaking down the room
- Holiday Party- December 7, 7-11p
 - Reviewed and discussed catering options; we do not have updated quotes, but will distribute via email to committee; Will submit motion this month
- Holiday Decorating
 - Discussed moving the date or possibly dividing into two dates; have followed up with Patrizia to check on dates; aiming for a date prior to Thanksgiving
 - Discussed identifying new décor to purchase, possibly for the mantles and/or tabletops in foyer
- NYE
 - Same status as last month; Val has balloons to donate! Thank you!
- Dueling Pianos- January 31, 6-10:30p
 - Date confirmed with the vendor; tickets on sale Jan 11
 - Will submit motion this month

Upcoming Event dates

- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd
- Clubhouse Holiday Decorating- December 1, 9a-12p
- WML Member Holiday Party- December 7
- NYE- December 31- Tickets on sale Nov 23
- Dueling Pianos- January 31- Tickets on sale Jan 11

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:14 pm

Minutes written by Kristen (Co-Chair) & approved by Roger (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, October 2, 2024

Attendees: Pat Degan, Mike Ilardi, Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm.

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Dueling Pianos- September 20
 - 125 tickets sold; crowd was great with good energy; second pianist was different and a great vocalist
 - Committee discussed and chose to pencil in Jan 31, 2025; considering offering it only once in 2025, discussed keeping ticket prices the same, will confirm with office and vendor if this date is still available
- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd
 - Tickets on sale Oct 5
- Holiday Party- December 7, 7-11p
 - Reviewed Jacques menu; committee agreed to increase food budget and quantity; selected preferred food options and will request amended quote and bring motion to October board meeting
 - Motion to spend up to \$2,700 with Jacques Catering for the Holiday Party; committee voted in favor (4 in favor, 0 opposed)
- NYE
 - Caterer, servers, DJ all set; Pat will pick up desserts; Pat will purchase horn/blowers, balloon drop bags, balloons; we have plenty of the other decor

Upcoming Event dates

- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd- Tickets on sale Oct 5
- Clubhouse Holiday Decorating- December 1, 9a-12p
- WML Member Holiday Party- December 7
- NYE- December 31- Tickets on sale Nov 23
- Dueling Pianos- Jan 31

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:13 pm

Minutes written by Kristen (Co-Chair) & approved by Mike I. (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, September 4, 2024

Attendees: Pat Degnan, Mike Ilardi, Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Movie Night Series- Sunday August 11, 18 and 25
 - Well-received and would offer it again next year; had feedback that people want more movie nights, but PG-13+/seasonal themes; discussed offering more this year
- Lawn Party- September 1, 6-10p
 - Event went very well; it had the most attendance ever; one savory/one sweet truck is plenty; band very well-received; committee in favor of hiring 3-Piece Suit for next year
- Dueling Pianos- September 20
 - Doors open 6p, show starts 7:30-11p; 95 tickets sold; will ask Alyssa to post promos on social media
- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd
 - Tickets on sale Oct 5; agreed to keep event timing and ticket prices same at \$35/\$45
- Holiday Party- December 7, 7-11p
 - Will increase food quantity, order shrimp platter from Shoprite, dessert from Costco,
 - Will reach out to Jacques and Fruited Plain for quotes for the food
 - Discussed acoustic bands; motion to hire Joe Cirotti Trio with Christina Alessi for \$1400, committee voted in favor to hire (4 in favor, 0 opposed)
- NYE
 - Discussed removing drink ticket option; committee voted in favor of removing drink ticket option (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Upcoming Event dates

- Dueling Pianos- Sept 20- Tickets on sale August 24
- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd- Tickets on sale Oct 5
- Clubhouse Holiday Decorating- December 1, 9a-12p
- WML Member Holiday Party- December 7
- NYE- December 31- Tickets on sale Nov 23

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:10 pm

Minutes written by Kristen (Co-Chair) & approved by Mike I. (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, August 7, 2024

Attendees: Pat Degnan, Mike Ilardi, David Neu, Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Movie Night Series- Sunday August 11, 18 and 25
 - Movies licenses from Swank a cost of \$1200, committee voted in favor to hire (4 in favor, 0 opposed); this will be an FYI at the August Board Meeting
 - Expecting a 7:30-7:45 movie start time, but this will depend on cloud coverage/sunlight
 - Will invite Mr. Sams to attend
 - Local groups will host a snack table: August 11- Rockaway Raiders Baseball, August 18- WML Preschool, August 25- Boy Scouts
- Lawn Party- September 1, 6-10p
 - Event starts 6p, Band starts at 7p; will bring out stage, popcorn machine, firepits, glow sticks; will confirm food truck; will ask Maintenance for firepits, protective bases and firewood; will ask B&R to extend bar hours to 11p, Mr. Sam's truck will attend; will seek teen volunteers
- Dueling Pianos- September 20
 - Motion to hire Shake Rattle & Roll Pianos for \$2,350, committee voted in favor to hire (4 in favor, 0 opposed) agreed to keep ticket prices the same at \$30/\$40
 - Doors open 6p, show starts 7:30-11p
- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd
 - Tickets on sale Oct 5; agreed to keep event timing and ticket prices same at \$35/\$45
- Holiday Party- December 7
 - Discussed entertainment; committee agreed acoustic band is preferred; expecting to have motion on entertainment at Sept HAC meeting
- NYE
 - Ticket sale date set for Nov 23
 - DJ Tom is available at a cost for \$800, committee voted in favor to hire (4 in favor, 0 opposed); this will be an FYI at the August Board Meeting
 - Enjoy Your Party FYI at Aug Board meeting \$62.50/hr plus gratuity, committee voted in favor to hire (4 in favor, 0 opposed); this will be an FYI at the August Board Meeting

Upcoming Event dates

- Movie Night Series- August 11, 18 and 25
- Lawn Party- September 1; 6-10p
- Dueling Pianos- Sept 20- Tickets on sale August 24
- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd- Tickets on sale Oct 5
- Clubhouse Holiday Decorating- December 1, 9a-12p
- WML Member Holiday Party- December 7
- NYE- December 31- Tickets on sale Nov 23

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:15 pm

Minutes written by Kristen (Co-Chair) & approved by Mike I. (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, July 15, 2024

Attendees: Pat Degnan, David Neu, Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

Old Business

- Beach Party- June 22nd, 7-10:30p
 - Event had a small profit; 167 tickets sold, but the beach has an ability to have a greater capacity
 - Glitter tattoo artist was well-received; band had great feedback as well

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Movie Night Series- Sunday August 11, 18 and 25
 - Dave and Jeremy to lead this; free event for our members
 - Will be using Jeremy's equipment
 - Expecting a 7:30-7:45 movie start time, considering movies with less than 2-hour run time
 - Will invite Mr. Sams to drive through for a bit; will use the popcorn machine for free popcorn
 - Will offer to local groups to sell water/Gatorade/candy for fundraising (one group per day)
- Lawn Party- September 1, 6-10p
 - Event starts 6p, Band starts at 7p; will bring out stage, popcorn machine, firepits, glow sticks; need to confirm food truck
- Dueling Pianos- September 20
 - Confirming event with vendor
- Halloween Party
 - Discussed bringing this back, but it was not well attended when we held it; discussed re-imagining this as a "murder mystery" event where people can still dress in costume but have great entertainment; discussed moving this idea to 2025
- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd
 - Motion passed at June board meeting; contract signed and deposit has been sent
- NYE
 - Jacques Catering pricing increased by \$1pp; \$300 deposit; discussed keeping ticket prices the same; won't set pricing until closer to the event and we have more costs finalized
 - Motion to hire Jacques Exclusive Caterers for New Year's Eve at a cost of \$2,702.94. Cost to be covered by ticket price based on the sale of 80 tickets. Money to come from Country Club ticket sales. Cost subject to change based on ticket sales. (vote of 3 yes, 0 no)
 - This year it is a Tuesday evening event, possibly able decorate on Monday
 - Pat will contact DJ Tom for availability and pricing

Upcoming Event dates

- Beach Party- June 22; tickets on sale May 18 for members, June 1 for guests
- Movie Night Series- August 11, 18 and 25
- Lawn Party- September 1; 6-10p
- Dueling Pianos- Sept 20
- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd
- WML Member Holiday Party- December 7
- NYE- December 31

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:30 pm

Minutes written by Kristen (Co-Chair) & approved by Mike I. (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, June 5, 2024

Attendees: Pat Degnan, David Neu, Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu, Mike Ilardi

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Old Business

- Ladies Comedy Night- May 11
 - Wine samples and fudge was very well-received; great night overall!
- Summer Kickoff- May 26th
 - All hotdogs were finished (315), plan to purchase 350-400 for next year; note to buy two canisters of lemonade for next year
 - Entertainment was very well-received; volunteers were great (2 per station works well)

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Beach Party- June 22nd, 7-10:30p
 - Decors/accessories have been purchased; Glitter tattoo artist has been hired
 - Ticket sales going well so far
- Lawn Party- September 1, 6-10p
 - Event starts 6p, Band starts at 7p; will bring out popcorn machine, firepits, glow sticks; will look to add a sweet and savory food truck
- Movie Night-
 - Sunday August 11, 18 and 25 are available for a series; Dave and Jeremy to lead this; free event
- Dueling Pianos- September 20
 - Ballroom and vendor are both available for this date; committee agreed to host this event due to community demand
- Halloween Party
 - Discussed bringing this back, but it was not well attended when we held it; discussed re-imagining this as a “murder mystery” event where people can still dress in costume but have great entertainment!
- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd
 - Motion passed to Hire Antonio Camacho to book three comedians for November 2 for \$3,500 (vote of 4 yes, 0 no)
 - Consensus to raise budget to \$4,000 in spring and keep ticket prices as-is

Upcoming Event dates

- Beach Party- June 22; tickets on sale May 18 for members, June 1 for guests
- Lawn Party- September 1; 6-10p
- Dueling Pianos- Sept 20
- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd
- WML Member Holiday Party- December 7

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:11 pm

Minutes written by Kristen (Co-Chair) & approved by Mike I. (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, May 1, 2024

Attendees: Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu, Mike Ilardi

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Old Business

- Comedy Night- April 13
 - Great event, no issues; comedians included some crowd-work and it was well-received by the crowd.

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Ladies Comedy Night- May 11
 - Working with Alyssa to promote event as we still have some tickets available.
 - Bar/Banquet Manager will attend and offer samples of a new wine; hired Sue's House of Fudge to give out ¼ lb boxes to attendees from 6:30-8pm
- Summer Kickoff- May 26th
 - DJ, Bubble artist and balloon artist are all hired; we're processing the paperwork.
 - Volunteers needed to help with set up, temp tattoos, and food.
 - We'll buy temp tattoos & latex balloons.
 - Discussed food: hot dogs, chili, chips, snow cone machine, popcorn machine; reviewed Pat's notes from 2023 event
- Beach Party- June 22nd
 - Will send links to the office to purchase décor; will research glow sticks and purchase those as well.
 - Glitter tattoo artist has been hired.
- Movie Night Discussion
 - Waiting on available dates that work within the rental calendar.

Upcoming Event dates

- Comedy Night- Ladies Night- May 11th, 630-10p, Tickets on sale April 6
- Summer Kickoff- May 26th
- Beach Party- June 22; tickets on sale May 18 for members, June 1 for guests
- Lawn Party- September 1,
- Dueling Pianos- Sept 20 on hold for this
- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd

The meeting officially adjourned at 6:54 pm

Minutes written by Kristen (Co-Chair) & approved by Mike I. (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, April 3, 2024

Attendees: Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu, Mike Ilardi, David Neu, Chris Kleinwaks

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Old Business

- Dueling Pianos- March 29th
 - Sent survey to attendees after the event; results are pending; however, casual feedback has been very positive.
 - Discussed adding a Friday in the fall; Sept 20 is available; discussed reducing to 2.5 hours, or adding a break, or starting earlier.

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Comedy Night- April 13
 - Event is sold out!
- Ladies Comedy Night- May 11
 - Discussed fun add-on options for this event for the 90 minutes before the show: Photobooth, permanent jewelry, dessert options, etc.
- Summer Kickoff- May 26th
 - Event time 4-7p; need to hire a DJ, we have pricing for a bubble artist and balloon artist; we'll buy temp tattoos.
 - Discussed food: hot dogs, chili, chips, snow cone machine, popcorn machine.
 - Volunteers needed to help with set up, temp tattoos, and food.
- Beach Party- June 22nd
 - 80s theme, need to buy décor, discussed hiring glitter tattoo artist, will get pricing and availability.
 - Committee agreed on ticket prices of \$15/20.
- Movie Night Discussion
 - Discussed offering a free movie night on the lawn; discussed hiring a popcorn vendor; discussed location- possibly over by shuffleboard; will connect with Banquet/Bar Manager on available dates.

Upcoming Event dates

- Spring Comedy- April 13th, 630-10p, Tickets on sale March 2
- Comedy Night- Ladies Night- May 11th, 630-10p, Tickets on sale April 6
- Summer Kickoff- May 26th
- Beach Party- June 22; tickets on sale May 18 for members, June 1 for guests
- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:15 pm

Minutes written by Kristen (Co-Chair) & approved by Mike I. (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, February 7, 2024

Attendees: Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu, Pat Degnan

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Old Business

- Dueling Pianos- Jan 12th
 - Center layout was great; room was packed; bar did well!
 - Sent survey to attendees after the event; results were very positive; a lot of comments were given with great ideas and suggestions; all who took the survey said we should do this at least annually; committee agreed to keep this as a reoccurring event 1-2 times per year.

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Craft Beer- February 17th
 - Eight breweries and one cidery are joining
 - Mugs were ordered and arrived; they look great!
- Dueling Pianos (Second Session)- March 29
 - Remaining tickets sold out quickly once event was opened to guests
- Comedy Night- April 13
 - Board granted exception and we will sell tickets for members and guests at the same time; contract is signed, deposit was sent and we know the names of the comedians
- Ladies Comedy Night- May 11
 - Board granted exception and we will sell tickets for members and guests at the same time; contract is signed, deposit was sent and we know the names of the comedians
- Beach Party- June 22
 - Discussed band for this event; committee voted to hire Action Park at a cost not to exceed \$1,800; event theme will be the 80s; discussed décor/costume contest/other ideas
 - Recommending ticket prices of \$20/25; event time will be 7-10:30pm

Upcoming Event dates

- Craft Beer- February 17th, 7-11pm, tickets on sale Jan 13 for members, Jan 27 for guests
- Dueling Pianos- January 12th, 7-11pm, ticket on sale Jan 3 for members, Jan 17 for guests
- Spring Comedy- April 13th, 630-10p, Tickets on sale March 2
- Comedy Night- Ladies Night- May 11th, 630-10p, Tickets on sale April 6
- Summer Kickoff- May 26th
- Beach Party- June 22; tickets on sale May 18 for members, June 1 for guests
- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:11pm

Minutes written by Kristen Neu (Co-Chair) & approved by Mike Ilardi (OIC)

House Activities Committee Minutes, January 3, 2024

Attendees: Ami Nickel, Kristen Neu, Pat Degnan, Mike Ilardi

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Old Business

- Holiday Party
 - Band and food received good feedback; attendance was highest that it's been in the last few years; potstickers were most popular food; band was talented and not too loud; recommend sticking with acoustic music; table set up was good with variations on table sizes and locations.
- NYE
 - 79 attendees; food was ample and delicious; host may not be needed; can reduce appetizer quantity; reduce catering guarantee amount for 2024; recommend keeping ticket pricing the same for 2024, but possibly remove the drink ticket option; DJ Tom was great and engaging.

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Dueling Pianos- Jan 12th
 - Event sold out within minutes; approximately 70% members and 30% guests of members.
 - Reviewed layout with stage in the center; set up can be done Friday morning after tables are set out.
- Craft Beer- February 17th
 - Six breweries and one cidery has committed to joining; advertising is updated as they commit.
 - Ask everyone for logo/signage so we can hang above the tables on the wall.
 - Reviewed mug designs and costs; committee agreed on ordering 280 color changing mugs to give away to attendees.
- Dueling Pianos (Second Session)- March 29
 - Motion carried at Dec Board meeting; ticket sales began today at 5pm for members and 50% of the total tickets have sold tonight; tickets for guests of members begin in two weeks on Weds Jan 17 at 5pm.
- Comedy Night- April 13
 - Motion to hire Antonio Camacho was carried at Dec Board meeting.
 - Discussed pricing out another entertainment company to compare costs.
 - ***Committee decided to change the standard guest ticket pricing; moving forward for sell-out events, the guest ticket price will be \$10 more than member pricing for HAC events.***
 - Remind to ask Board for waiver to sell guest tickets at the same time as member at Jan board meeting.
- Ladies Comedy Night- May 11
 - Motion to hire Antonio Camacho was carried at Dec Board meeting.
 - Will offer a ticket add-on for two drink tickets for an extra \$15, after discussing pricing with B&R.
- Beach Party- June 22
 - Need to decide date; would like to hire band in Feb HAC meeting.
 - Recommending a small ticket price increase to allow a better band; event time will be 7-10:30pm.

Upcoming Event dates

- Dueling Pianos- January 12th, 7-11pm, tickets on sale December 9
- Craft Beer- February 17th, 7-11pm, tickets on sale Jan 13 for members, Jan 27 for guests
- Dueling Pianos, 2nd event, March 29th, 7-11pm, tickets on sale January 3 for members, January 17 for guests.
- Spring Comedy- April 13th, 630-10p, Tickets on sale March 2
- Comedy Night- Ladies Night- May 11th, 630-10p, Tickets on sale April 6
- Summer Kickoff- May 26th
- Beach Party- June 22; tickets on sale May 18 for members, June 1 for guests
- Fall Comedy- Nov 2nd

The meeting officially adjourned at 7:09 pm

Minutes written by Kristen (Co-Chair) & approved by Mike I. (OIC)