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***Kibbutz Yizre'el***

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**SUMMARY OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

1. Request to build a temporary store room in the old parent neighborhood where there is housing for the Young Generation. The store room is for an expanding family which will need to store prams, trolleys etc. The request was accepted providing the storeroom is no larger than 2x2 on a concrete base.
2. Neomi’s: Since there will be no sitting areas inside this summer, permission has been requested to set up tables and chairs outside and put up a canvas awning over the area of 15 sqm. Permission was granted to this temporary request.
3. The vehicle committee has asked that an alternative place be found for the washing of kibbutz cars since the present location is not suitable because of the expansion of Maytronics. The future plan is to move the car wash area to 1004 but it was decided that temporarily it will be moved to the area of the ex- chicken houses near the old office of the Chicken Branch.
4. The Solat Panel Project on the Upper Dam; Two thirds of the project has already been carried out and now the remaining third has to be added. It will be added separately with its own electricity room.
5. A temporary parking area for Maytronics has been made available in a field at the back and across the road from the Maytronics storeroom. The field is at the corner turn, near the buildings used by the fish workers.
6. The committee is still examining the regulations and implications of closing in porches in the older neighborhoods.

**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS OF THE SENIORS’ COMMITTEE**

The committee‘s purpose is to cater to the needs of members and parents over the age of 65. During the Corona period the committee filled the gap with activities that were provided by Dorot B’Gilboa. Now that we are going back to regular schedules, the aim is to encourage members to return to activities provided by Dorot B’Gilboa but the committee will also concentrate on activities in “normal” times.

1. A Review of the Committee’s Activities:

* **The A Team –** is a group of volunteers who are prepared to assist where professionals are not needed. **How does it work?**

Call Rinat Chikorel or Danit D. Kirschberg with your request for help e.g. Lift something heavy, clean dust off a high shelf, something is stuck under a bed, change a light globe etc. Rinat and Danit advertise the request in the volunteers’ WhatsApp group (without the requester’s name) and the volunteer who is free gets the details.

More and more people are using the A Team for help.

* **Trips:** Rinat Chikorel and Zohar Assaf organize two types of trips – a) Non walking trips b) Trips outside the Kibbutz

Till now there have been two trips in the vicinity of the kibbutz to Tel Yizre’el and to the Havurim Look Out and three trips that do not require walking – Emek HaMayanot Park, Bet Alpha and the Gilboa.

These trips are for those who cannot go on regular trips but others can join them if there is room.

Planned trips this summer are to air conditioned places, once a month.

Inbal Adler is organizing the regular seniors’ trips. We have just been on two trips – one to Yodfat and Nachal Salamon and one to Gamla and Ein Keshatot. We enjoyed the short walks, lunch in a restaurant and Amit Aharoni, our excellent guide.

A trip this summer is being planned to the Hermon Heights. We plan on 5-6 trips a year.

* **Seniors’ Gatherings**: We’ve started with monthly gatherings on the last week of the month. The meetings are organized by the seniors themselves. who decide on the content, the refreshments and organize the details Each gathering has its own team.

In the April gathering we enjoyed having supper together and then a fascinating lecture by Gila Azulai Segal.

The organizing team; Philippa, Ofra Shelef, Jenny Zelas and Dalya Levitan.

The May Gathering will be on 26th May 2021 with Arnon David - a singer. The organizing team: Shosh Cohen, Galya Shemi and Dani Solow.

Seniors are invited to organize gatherings of their own choice.

* **Additional Activities**:

**+ Musical Appreciation** – During the Corona period, there were 10 very successful sessions with Stas and these are to continue under the auspices of Shlomit Fink.

**+ Walking Groups – with Shlomit A. and Peter Pezaro.** They will continue every Wednesday morning.

**+ Art Appreciation with Chas Broadhurst** is continuing every Monday.

**+ Exercises on chairs with Michal Sha’anan** are still going,on Thursdays.

**+ Birthdays –** Birthdays with zeros and birthdays with fives in between. Lotem Cohen and Aksel Levin have taken this on themselves.

**FUTURE PROJECTS**

**Digital Team** – It will work like the A Team with the aim to help people get into the digital age with smart phones , internet etc.

The team: Inbal Adler, Yoni Brauman and Dalit D. Kirschberg.

At this stage they are looking for volunteers to enter seniors’ homes and connect them to this “new” challenging world. Even teenagers can volunteer for this.

**Gardening Team** – Their work will be in addition to the help that seniors get from the Gardening Branch. This idea is still under consideration. The team – Yoni Brauman and Inbal Adler.

**Aims of the Committee** are to provide social activities for the enjoyment of our seniors to make them feel good on the kibbutz and where possible integrate them with activities for all age groups.

**THE ABSORPTION COMMITTEE** has prepared a very comprehensive program for the absorption of families in 2021. The committee will go through a 10 hour course on methods of selection.

The committee hopes to shorten the period of uncertainty for families on the waiting list and to shorten the time it takes for the committee to decide, once an apartment is available.

Nitzan R. Feldman and Einav Morkia-Nagar have prepared a rich program of seminars for 2021.

**SUMMARY OF THREE ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETINGS**

* **12/4/2021 Interview with Eyal Treiber, CEO of Maytronics**

Eyal gave an annual report for the year 2021 which was very successful despite the Corona crisis. There was an increase in activity and profits in that year. Eyal also presented the plans for the future of the company.

* **26/4/2021 A meeting with the Companies in the Holdings**

**Filter Art:** With the end of the Corona period there are difficulties in the operational and marketing areas. The company is in the process of adding an investor which could take a few months so they need to prepare for this.

**Ma’agan Eden:** Despite the difficult year, the company made a small profit. At the moment there is little tourism from abroad so it will take time for matters to improve.

**Netzer Sensors:** The company has been active since November 2020 and has shown handsome profits. The aims of the company were presented. The first quarter of 2021 showed activities and orders to guarantee future growth.

* **10/5/2021 Decision to withdraw from the Field Crops Partnership:**

Ariel Brin Dolinko gave an extensive report on the partnership since 2012-2020. He presented the proposal that we withdraw from the partnership which was accepted.

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| **THE STUDIES COMMITTEE** reminds those who wish to study in the coming year that the final date for applications is 31/5/2021.  After this date the committee will be dealing with the applications in order to make up a list to be presented to the Mazkirut and then to the General Meeting.  The application form can be found on Kehilanet. Go into “files” then into “Studies” in the search window. Fill in all the details.  Contact any member of the committee if you have questions.  Limor Griman, Rotem Hillel, Tamar Senker, Avishag Sharoni, Shlomo Kamillian, Rachel Arava and Peter Pezaro. |

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**Continuing HaAretz' list of Israeli Inventions that Changed the World:**

**Arrow (Hetz) -** 1990: Effective anti-ballistic missile system

**Babysense -** 1992 ;Highly sensitive baby breathing monitor

**Digital printing press –** 1993:Revolutionaryprinting press invented by Benny Landa, founder of Indigo Digital Press

**Firewall** – 1993: Computer network security system

**NIFI heart stent –** 1995:Life-saving medical device invented by Medinol's Kobi and Judith Richter

**Copaxone –** 1996: Teva's ground-breaking drug for treating certain forms of multiple sclerosis.

**Babylon –** 1997: Single-click computer translation, dictionary and information source utility program, by Amnon Ovadia

**USB flash drive –** 2000: invented by Dov Moran

**Exelon –** 2000: Drug for treating mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease and Parkinsons

**PillCam -** 2001: By Given Imaging, enables the visualization and detection of disorders of the gastrointestinal tract

**Like-A-Fish** - 2001: Innovative tankless diving gear

**MyHeritage** – 2003: Popular online genealogy platform with headquarters in

Or Yehuda.

**Mazor Robotics' Spine Assist** – 2004: First robot approved for spinal surger**y**

**Solaris Synergy –** 2008: Environmentally friendly and economically beneficial way to float solar panels on water

**Get -** :2009: App that connects between customers and taxi drivers using its proprietary GPS system

**ReWalk –** 2010: Bionic walking assistance system that enables paraplegics to stand upright and walk

**OrCam MyEye -** 2010: Portable artificial vision device that allows the visually impaired to understand text and identify objects through audio feedback

**WeCU Technologies** – 2010: Technology able to identify people in real time

**Wind Tulip** – 2010: Cost-effective silent wind turbine by Leviathan Energy designed as an environmental sculpture

**IRON DOME – 2011: AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY RAFAEL AND ISRAEL AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES THAT INTERCEPTS SHORT-RANGE ROCKETS AND HAS SAVED INNUMERABLE LIVES**

**Moovit** – 2011: App that uses crowdsourced and official public transit date to provide real time route planning for users of public transportation

**HydroSpin** – 2012: Unique internal pipe generator that supplies electricity for water monitoring and control systems in remote areas and sites without electricity

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