

Chino Hills 55+ Club

General Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2018 at Chino Hills Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susanne Baxter at 10:03 a.m.

Officers Present: President Susanne Baxter, Vice President Jane DeFrank, Secretary Renée Sylvia, Interim Treasurer Gail Smith, and Webmaster/Interim Information Officer Sharon Stuewe.

Officers Absent: None

The theme of the meeting was "Winter".

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Bruce Simonson.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: The minutes from the December General Meeting were approved, as written and posted on the website. Susanne reminded the membership that the minutes from the previous month's general meeting can always be accessed through the Club website. They are also usually available on the Club's Information Bulletin Board at the rear of the meeting room at each general meeting. She apologized for the fact that the bulletin board was not accessible at Friday's meeting, however.

President's Report:

Susanne welcomed everyone to the meeting. She went on to share some of her personal thoughts on seasonal transitions. She reminded the membership that other transitions are happening in the Club, as well, and that it is a busy time.

Susanne presented Brett Benson with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked him for his service to the Club in various areas over the years. We were reminded that he is a Charter Member. He has served as Treasurer, as Webmaster, as Information Officer, and, most recently, as Treasurer for the second time.

Susanne went on to explain that Brett was also Chairperson for the Nominations Committee for the day, since Carolyn Robb has had some personal family issues and was not able to be present. Brett announced the members who have been nominated by the Committee for the three positions for which we will hold elections next month. They are:

Vice President - Jane DeFrank.

Secretary - Judi Klecansky.

Information Officer/Webmaster - Sharon Stuewe.

Susanne went on to read the list of the duties of the Vice President, as detailed in the Club Bylaws, which may be accessed on the Club website. She asked if there were any other nominations from the membership. There were none.

Susanne then read the list of the duties of the Secretary, as detailed in the Club Bylaws, and asked for any other nominations from the membership. There were none.

She then read the list of the duties of the Webmaster/Information Officer, as detailed in the Club Bylaws, and asked for any other nominations from the membership. There were none.

She explained that at the February General Meeting, she would ask if there are any other nominations from the membership for the three positions. She will also ask for reasons why those members should be chosen, should there be any other members nominated. Any nominated member would need to be present at that meeting to accept the nomination. The nominations and election process will be completed at the February General Meeting.

Susanne introduced Interim Treasurer Gail Smith to the membership. Gail came up to explain that she has just received “the books” and is working on them. She will have a statement to share with the membership next month.

Mixer Activity: Renée led the activity. Members met in groups to get better acquainted by ordering themselves according to five different categories, such as height, proximity of birthplace, number of offspring, etc.

Vice President’s Report: Jane began by reminding the membership that there were two members absent from the December General Meeting who did not receive their Certificates of Appreciation. She asked Jeanette Benson and Gloria Grotefend to come forward to receive their certificates. Jeanette was thanked for all of her help on the Hospitality Committee and with selling the Club shirts. Gloria was thanked for “stepping up” to be Jane’s assistant and for writing the weekly Club ad/article for the *Chino Hills Champion*.

Jane reminded the members that there were copies of her new newsletter “Constant Contact” for their convenience on the tables.

Events/Programs –

The Valentine’s Day Dance Showcase – Tuesday, February 13th. The price is \$5.00 and lunch is included. Jane encouraged the members to attend to help support our 55+ Line Dancers who will be dancing at the event under the direction of Jimmie Thies.

The Gatsby Gala Dinner Dance – Friday, April 13th. The price is \$15.00 per person. This includes dinner, live music, and dancing.

“Endurance: The Antarctic Legacy of Sir Ernest Shackleton and Frank Hurley” is an exhibition at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana. It continues until May 27th.

Jane will be returning to Bowers to see the exhibition “Empress Dowager Cixi: Selections from the Summer Palace”. It continues until March 11th.

“American Visionary: John F. Kennedy’s Life and Times” is an exhibition at Bowers, as well. The Club will have a group carpooling to see this on Tuesday, April 3rd, at 9:30 a.m.

The Dickens Festival will take place in Riverside on Saturday and Sunday, February 24th and 25th.

Please let Jane know if you are interested in joining the groups attending the Bowers events or the Dickens Festival.

Jane is still planning the outing to Santa Anita Race Track. It will be coming up.

She announced that the theme for the February General Meeting will be “Presidents Day and National Oreo Cookie Day”.

She also announced that the designated restaurant for lunch after the January meeting would be Corner Bakery Cafe in Chino Hills.

City/Community Liaison: Our new Chino Hills Active Adults 50+ Representative is Melissa Medina. Melissa invited Club members to go to the main desk at Community Center on any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., to speak with her if there are questions or concerns. She went on to tell about the Valentine’s Day Dance Showcase. It will take place on Tuesday, February 13th at 12:00 noon. The doors will open at 11:40. On Friday, April 13th, there will be the Gatsby Gala Dinner Dance. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. The flier for this event will be available next week. Melissa also reported that the February Calendar will be available on Monday, January 29th.

Genealogy Group: Kathy Jackson announced that the group meets on the 4th Monday of the month at The Chino Hills Library in the computer room. The January meeting, however, will take place at the

Family History Center in Chino Hills. This meeting will be on Wednesday, January 31st, at 10:00 a.m. She encouraged members to bring any “research problems”. At the Family History Center, members will be allowed to view and scan documents. The February meeting will be on Monday, February 26th, at 10:00 a.m., back at the Chino Hills Library. Sharon Stuewe shared that at the Genealogy Group Meeting she made an exciting discovery/confirmation that her great grandmother had been a cook in the childhood home of General George Patton. All are welcome to join the Genealogy Group.

BINGO Report: Manager George DeFrank announced that BINGO continues to do well. George reminded the members that with proceeds earned from our BINGO, there was a donation of \$1,000.00 made to Red Bucket Equine Rescue in Chino Hills, on behalf of the Club. George also presented Bruce with the \$1,500.00 check which was donated on behalf of the Club to the Vets Monument, with proceeds from BINGO. George reminded the members that he acknowledged and thanked the BINGO callers last month and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation. Barbara Warner was absent from the December General Meeting, however. Barbara was called up to receive hers at the January meeting. George also acknowledged and thanked the BINGO team members and presented each of them with a Certificate of Appreciation. Also, thanked with a certificate were members who help set up and clean up after BINGO each week.

Veterans Group: Bruce Simonson thanked George and the BINGO team members for the donation to the Veterans Monument Project. He announced that the Vets Group will be back at the Farmers Market at The Shoppes on Wednesday afternoons, beginning again in February.

Book Club: Donna Forbes announced that all are welcome to join the Book Club which meets every third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. This month’s book selection is titled *Allie and Bea* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. This month’s meeting will be hosted by Carolyn Robb. Next month’s selection will be *The Handmaid’s Tale* by Margaret Atwood.

Sunshine Committee: Loretta Szudy announced the names of Club members celebrating a birthday this month. The Club birthday gift was presented to those members who were present. “Happy Birthday to You” was sung by the membership to those celebrating birthdays. Loretta invited anyone who may be interested to join the Sunshine Committee.

Loretta also recognized and wished a Happy Anniversary to George and Jane DeFrank who were celebrating their thirty-third wedding anniversary on Friday, January 26th.

Miscellaneous:

Susanne apologized to the members, especially to any who attended the meeting specifically to hear the guest speaker. Robert Snyder, from the Department of Automotive Repair, was scheduled to address the membership on the topic of automotive repair scams. He did not show up.

50/50 Drawing: The winners were Alan Benson, Gloria Grotfend, and Chuck Haeflinger. Each winner received \$20.

Lunch: All were invited to meet at Corner Bakery Café in Chino Hills immediately following the meeting to enjoy lunch together.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Next General Meeting: Friday, February 23rd, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary