

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2017 at Chino Hills Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susanne Baxter at 10:05 a.m.

Officers Present: President Susanne Baxter, Vice President Jane DeFrank, Treasurer Brett Benson, and Secretary Renée Sylvia

Officers Absent: Interim Ways and Means Chairperson Tessie Lightholder

The theme of the meeting was National Soup Month/Soup-er Bowl.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Dave Schiavoni.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: The minutes were approved, as written and as posted on the website.

Mixer Activity: Renée led the activity. Members worked in teams to gather specified items from their handbags and pockets to obtain points to win the game.

President's Report: Susanne made the following announcements:

She thanked the thirteen Club volunteers who assisted in the Make a Child Smile event in December. A thank you letter received from the coordinator of the event was read aloud to the membership.

Susanne also thanked Ron and Donna Forbes for their assistance, again this past year, with the Club's holiday food and gift donations to Caring for the Hills.

Susanne inquired about the interest of the membership in participating in a dinner dance in lieu of the previously discussed wine tasting event. The fundraiser would be to help support the Veterans Monument. There was interest expressed by a show of hands. Details are being worked out and more information will soon become available in regards to this.

She announced and congratulated the City of Chino Hills Active Adult of the Month, our Club member, Fernando Amezquita.

Susanne also announced that our Club charter member, Jim Heusdens, passed away last week. She announced the times and locations of the funeral services, to be held on Sunday and Monday, January 29th and 30th.

Vice President's Report: Jane made the following announcements:

In February of 2017, there will be Club elections for the positions of President, Treasurer, and Ways and Means Chairperson. Gloria Grotfend chaired the Nominations Committee and, with her committee members Yolanda Davidson, Kathy Jackson, and Grace Kramer, has made the following candidate selections:

President-Susanne Baxter

Treasurer-Brett Benson

Ways and Means Chairperson-Tessie Lightholder

There were no additional nominations submitted from the floor. The elections will take place at the February general meeting. Jane reminded the membership that any possible nominees must be members in good standing since the end of 2016.

Programs: Jane made the following program announcements:

An event titled "Hike Your Heart Out" will take place on Saturday, February 11th, at Chino Hills State Park. Flyers with more details are on the back table and at the information desk.

The City of Chino Hills is also sponsoring a Valentine's Day Dance Showcase. The cost is \$5.00 and lunch is included. Our Club line dancers will be participating. Tickets are available through February 7th.

The City of Chino Hills is also again sponsoring its 25th Annual Easter Egg-Citement on Saturday, April 15th. It will take place at Community Park. Jane will be there with a crafts table. If anyone is interested in joining her and Kathy Jackson, please notify Jane.

The Crafts group will be meeting on Monday, February 13th, to learn the art of cookie decorating with Sharon Stuewe. Interested members please notify Jane, so she can have sufficient supplies available.

The previously planned January outing to Santa Anita Park was postponed due to the many rainy days which we had in January. Details about the rescheduling of that event will be upcoming.

The theme for the February general meeting will be Mardi Gras. Lunch will have a New Orleans flair.

There are three new Club members who were welcomed. The new members are Debbie Chodaba, Judy MacDonald, and Rick MacDonald.

Treasurer's Announcements: Brett made the following announcements:

Brett reminded the membership that new groups and new ideas are always welcomed. He is in the process of beginning a genealogy group. Anyone interested in joining this group is asked to see Brett for the specifics.

Anyone interested in joining the Finance Committee is welcomed, as well. They need more help. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

The obelisk chart, which was displayed, shows that progress is being made on the financing of the Vets Monument, but corporate sponsors are needed. If anyone knows of any corporations interested in donating, please inform the Vets Group.

BINGO Update:

Jane announced that volunteers are needed for set up and clean up. Set up is every Thursday morning from 9:00 to 11:00. Clean up is every Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30. If you can assist, please let Jane know. There is also a need for Canteen helpers throughout the BINGO session.

Payouts have increased. The final game of the day has a guaranteed payout of \$100.

Veterans Group:

Bruce Simonson made the following announcements:

The Veterans Group will sponsor a booth at the Farmers' Market at the Shoppes on Wednesdays for the next six weeks, 4:00-8:00. The goal is to get the word out to the community, to sell more bricks, and to get more sponsors to finance the Monument.

The members were asked which day of the week would be preferred for a fundraising day at California Pizza Kitchen. There is no official date yet, but Bruce is coordinating with the restaurant and will update the membership when the date is finalized.

City Announcements: Yesenia from the City of Chino Hills Recreation Department informed the membership of the following upcoming events:

The Valentine's Day Dance Showcase will be on Tuesday, February 14th. The ticket price is \$5.00.

The Movie Matinee Afternoon will be at noon on March 8th. The movie will be *The Finest Hours*.

Clay Pot Decorating will be on Tuesday, March 21st. The fee is \$10.00.

The Spring Fling Dinner Dance will be on Friday, April 7th. The ticket price is \$15.00.

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 also announced that George and Jane DeFrank celebrated their thirty-second wedding anniversary this month. They were wished a Happy Anniversary.

50/50 Drawing: The winners were Nancy Horstmeyer, Manny Padilla, and Sal Avila. Each received \$22.

Program – A Year in Review:

Jane presented a narrated slideshow of the 2016 events of the Chino Hills 55+Club.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Lunch: The potluck soup lunch was served by the **Hospitality Committee**.

Some members enjoyed line dancing led by Jimmye Lou Thies after lunch.

Next General Meeting: Friday, February 24th, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary