

Chino Hills 55+ Club

General Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2018 at Chino Hills Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susanne Baxter at 10:02 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: Ways and Means Officer Tessie Lightholder

The theme of the meeting was “Presidents’ Day and National Oreo Cookie Day”.

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

Approval of Previous Month’s Minutes: The minutes from the January 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 available on the Club’s Information Bulletin Board at the rear of the meeting room at each general meeting. Susanne requested that if anyone notices anything in the meeting minutes that does not look correct, that he or she notify the Club Secretary or a board member to have it reviewed.

President’s Report:

Susanne welcomed everyone to the meeting. She reminded the membership of the elections taking place at today’s meeting. She also reminded everyone that each member will need a ticket to vote.

Susanne went on to share some trivia on the holiday, Presidents’ Day, which was celebrated on Monday, February 19th.

Elections-

Susanne then introduced Brett Benson to explain the nominations process.

Brett explained that the Nominations Committee contacted as many members as possible and asked if they were interested in running for any of the three offices up for election this year. If the answer was yes, then that member’s name was considered for the specific position indicated. After all of the calls were made, the Committee made a recommendation of one member for each of the three positions. Carolyn Robb thanked the other Committee members who helped her. Those members were Donna Hilding and Kathy Jackson. Last month, at the January General Meeting, President Susanne Baxter asked if anyone was interested in nominating himself/herself or any other member from “the floor” and there were no nominations. The Nominations Committee recommended the following members for the official ballot:

For Vice President - Jane DeFrank. Susanne asked if there were any other members being nominated from the floor. There were none.

For Secretary - Judi Klecansky. Susanne asked if there were any other members being nominated from the floor. There were none.

For Information Officer/Webmaster - Sharon Stuewe. Susanne asked if there were any other members being nominated from the floor. There were none.

Susanne then called Judi Klecansky to the podium to explain to the members why she feels that she should be the next Secretary. Judi went up and requested that the membership vote for her to be Secretary. She explained that she has reviewed the job description and feels that, with her previous work experience, she would be a “good fit” for the position. She went on to say that she is an outgoing and caring individual who is eager to be of service to her community.

Treasurer’s Report: Gail presented the report. Members were also able to see it on the video screen. The previous bank balance, as of December 31, 2017, was \$24,137.98. Deposits were \$2,632.20. Checks cleared were in the amount of \$352.94. The ending bank balance, as of January 31, 2018, is \$26,417.24. Outstanding checks are in the amount of \$62.64. The Veterans Monument Fund is \$22,507.52. The adjusted balance, as of January 31, 2018, is \$3,847.08.

Mixer Activity: Renée led the activity. Members met in their new groups to get better acquainted by completing a trivia matching activity, matching each President to a factual item from his life and times. Packages of Oreos were the prizes for the winning team members.

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Vice President’s Report: Jane began by presenting the history of the Oreo cookie.

“Constant Contact” Info-

Jane reminded the members that there were copies of her newsletter “Constant Contact” for their convenience on the tables. Events highlighted in “Constant Contact” are as follows:

The Great Gatsby Dinner/Dance - to take place at Community Center on Friday, April 13th. The cost is \$15 per person. There will be dinner, live music, and dancing.

The Second Annual Jazz and Blues Festival, featuring Barbara Morrison - to take place on Saturday, April 21st. If you are interested in working the event, please let Jane know. Volunteers receive free entrance.

55+ Line Dancers - We have the Dance Room back, therefore line dancing following our monthly general meetings will resume, beginning today.

Lunch today following the meeting - to be held at Papachino’s Grill and Greens in Chino. Our group will meet on the patio.

Outings/Programming-

“Endurance: The Antarctic Legacy of Sir Ernest Shackelton 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. The date is yet to be announced. Please let Jane know if you are interested in attending this outing.

American Visionary: John F. Kennedy’s Life and Times at the Bowers Museum. There will be carpooling from Community Center on Tuesday, April 3rd. Please let Jane know if you would like to attend.

March General Meeting, Friday, March 23rd - There will be an Easter Egg Hunt.

April General Meeting - There will be a presentation by Captain Darren Goodman of the Sheriff's Department titled "Take Back Our City". He will address recent state legislative changes, such as Prop 47, that are resulting in a spike in crimes such as first degree burglary and battery with serious bodily injury. These crimes are no longer considered violent felonies. The result is that crime is exploding because criminals know they won't be put into jail, so they commit more violent crimes. The Sheriff's Department and City Council are working together to try to get these new lenient laws removed or amended.

City Events-

Friends of the Library Book Sale - An opportunity to buy books inexpensively. This event will take place on Saturday and Sunday, March 3rd and 4th at the Chino Hills Branch Library.

Paws in the Park - Will take place at the Chino Hills Dog Park on Saturday, March 10th. There will be dog races, a dog fashion show, vendors, etc.

Easter Egg-Citement - Will take place at Chino Hills Community Park on Saturday, March 31st. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children and a Craft Fair.

Harkins Theatres Tuesday Night Classics - Will take place every week at 7:00 p.m. Ticket price is \$5.00. On March 6th, they will feature *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. On March 13th, they will feature *Gone with the Wind*. On March 20th, they will feature *Batman*. On March 27th, they will feature *Almost Famous*.

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 group recently visited the Family History Center in Chino. The next meeting will take place back at the Chino Hills Branch Library on Monday, February 26th, at 10:00 a.m.

BINGO Report: Susanne announced that BINGO continues to do well. There are between 60 and 63 players each week.

Veterans Group: Bruce Simonson announced that the group is planning a new fundraiser at a local restaurant, perhaps Papachino's Grill and Greens or Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que. It may be held on a Friday following a general meeting, but they are still confirming a date. The next Veterans Group meeting will be on Wednesday, March 7th, at 9:00 a.m., at Flo's Airport Café in Chino. This meeting is open to all Club members. Following the meeting will be a visit to the Planes of Fame Museum.

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 recognized and wished a Happy Anniversary to J.D. and Fran Martinez, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary this month. Also, Happy Anniversary wishes went out to Pat and Sharon Montagne - married 52 years and to Larry and Diane Hodel - married 18 years.

Election Results:

Susanne announced the election results as follows:

Vice President- Jane DeFrank

Secretary – Judi Klecansky

Webmaster/Information Officer – Sharon Stuewe

Miscellaneous:

There were two new members who signed up today. They are Frances Downs and Thomas Morrow.

There were also four visitors.

President Susanne Baxter will be getting married in March, will be away on her honeymoon and not present for the March General Meeting. Her new last name will be Anderson.

Susanne encouraged the members to think about if they would like to serve on the Board of Directors. Next year the positions of President, Treasurer, and Ways and Means will be open.

Susanne also encouraged the members to check the Club website periodically and the Club Facebook Account for meeting information and special events information.

A Quilting Group may be starting up soon in the 55+ Club. It will be machine quilting.

We are currently having a problem getting name badges made. The problem is being addressed.

The Club has received a “Thank You” card from Red Bucket Equine Rescue thanking the Club and BINGO workers for the \$1,000.00 donation. Red Bucket invited members to visit any Sunday between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. or to volunteer to help. It is located on English Springs Road.

50/50 Drawing: The winners were Sharon Stuewe, Diane Hodel, and Grace Kramer. Each winner received \$16.50.

Lunch: All were invited to meet at Papachino’s Grill and Greens in Chino immediately following the meeting or following line dancing to enjoy lunch together.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary