

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes

February 24, 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, Interim Ways and Means Chairperson Tessie Lightholder, and Secretary Renée Sylvia

Officers Absent: None

The theme of the meeting was Mardi Gras.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Ron Sinsabaugh.

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

Finance Report: Brett presented the report. The previous bank balance, as of December 30, 2016, was \$14,084. Deposits were \$290. Checks cleared were in the amount of \$327. The ending balance, as of January 31, 2017, was \$14,047. Outstanding checks are in the amount of \$207. The Veterans Monument Fund is \$10,174. The adjusted balance, as of January 31, 2017, is \$3,666.

Brett is having difficulty getting a finance committee established, but he recently worked with Mary Menkus and David Elston to organize the Club's records and balance accounts from September, 2016 through January 2017.

Brett announced that the Club has set up a "Go Fund Me" account to raise funds for the Vets Monument. He encouraged members to participate and to spread the word to friends and family.

Election: Jane explained the election process which would take place during the meeting. The nominees were Susanne Baxter – for President, Brett Benson – for Treasurer, and Tessie Lightholder – for Ways and Means Chairperson. Jane called for any further nominations from the floor. There were none. Voting took place. Members deposited ballots and verification tickets, which they had received upon signing in to the meeting earlier, into the designated boxes.

Mixer Activity: Renée led the activity. Members worked in teams to obtain points by answering, "Yes, I have done that!" when they could to various questions.

During the mixer, the votes were counted. After the mixer it was announced that the aforementioned three nominees were voted in to their designated positions.

President's Report: Susanne made the following announcements:

The Chino Hills Active Adult of the Month is Club member Marjorie Fair-Dominquez.

BINGO is paying back the funds borrowed from the general fund. Hopefully we will soon be in a financial position to be able to make charitable donations to community causes. If anyone knows of any specific charitable cause, please let Susanne know.

All BINGO games now have \$50 payouts.

Brett is still working on beginning a genealogy group. Please speak with him if you are interested.

Amazon Smile will donate one half percent of your purchases on Amazon to the Club when you sign up.

Programs: Jane made the following program announcement:

The day trip to Santa Anita Race Track will take place on the first or second Friday of April. Details will be forthcoming.

BINGO Update:

Bingo manager, George DeFrank, announced the following:

The one year anniversary of the Chino Hills 55+ Club BINGO is coming up. To help celebrate, there will be a 2 for 1 sale for the specialty games.

BINGO team volunteers were asked to stand and were acknowledged.

Club member, Anita Bochman, was acknowledged for being such a faithful player. She has attended all sessions except one, and has donated desserts and raffle prizes to BINGO.

Veterans Group:

Joe Bok made the following announcements:

The Vets Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Any veterans in the Club are encouraged to join in.

The Vets Group is still collecting toiletry items for the USO.

The California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser is coming up on Wednesday, March 8th.

An Applebee's breakfast fundraiser will take place on Saturday, May 20th. This will be a presale event. The cost will be \$10.00. The vets' wives are organizing a raffle event to take place during the Applebee's breakfast fundraiser. Please let Joe or Bruce Simonson know if you would like to purchase or help sell the presale tickets.

The Vets Monument "Go Fund Me" account has been set up to receive donations. Ron and Carmen Sinsabaugh were thanked for passing on this great idea which will help with the fundraising. Donations have already been made into the account.

Bruce Simonson made the following announcements:

The Veterans Group is sponsoring a booth at the Farmers' Market at The Shoppes on Wednesdays for the next few 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. A banner has been ordered to attract more attention.

The daughter of Joe and Diane Bok has made and donated a poster to help advertise the fundraising for the Vets Monument.

If anyone knows anyone else... friends, family, or possible corporate sponsors who may be able to purchase tribute bricks or make donations to support the project, please let Bruce know.

There will be a fundraiser at the Chino Hills California Pizza Kitchen on Wednesday, March 8th, all day. The restaurant will donate 20% of your check to the Vets Monument fund. You must present the flyer to your server for the donation to be made.

City Announcements: Yasenia Baltierra, from the City of Chino Hills Recreation Department, informed the membership of the following upcoming events:

The Movie Matinee Afternoon will be at noon on Wednesday, March 8th. The movie will be *The Finest Hours*. A pizza lunch is included. The cost is \$2.00.

Paws at the Park, sponsored by the City of Chino Hills, will take place on Saturday, March 11th, at Vila Borba Park in Chino Hills. There will be dog races, contests, giveaways, etc. You must preregister your dog online.

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

On Wednesday, March 29th, there will be a free health class offered by Humana Health Insurance Company.

The Spring Fling Dinner Dance, sponsored by the City of Chino Hills, will take place on Friday, April 7th, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. The ticket price is \$15.00.

The International Festival, sponsored by the Chino Hills Rotary Club, will take place on Saturday, April 8th.

More information about all of the above events may be obtained at the desk at Chino Hills Community Center.

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.

Two guests were in attendance.

There was one new member in attendance. Lannis Cordova was welcomed.

50/50 Drawing: The winners were Gloria Grotefend, Kathy Jackson, and Jim Blea. Each received \$24.

Program – Voodoo Presentation:

Jane narrated a PowerPoint Presentation on Voodoo.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Lunch: The Mardi Gras lunch was served by the **Hospitality Committee**.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary