

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2016, at Chino Hills Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susanne Baxter at 10:00 a.m.

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

Officers Absent: None

The theme of the meeting was Hawaiian Luau.

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

Approval of the July Minutes: A motion was made, then seconded, for the approval of the minutes, as written. Susanne encouraged members to read the monthly minutes on the website. Also, she had a copy of last month's meeting minutes available for them to read on the sign-in table.

Mixer: Renée led the membership in the mixer activity. The members shared their stories and memories from experiences in tropical locations.

President's Report:

Veterans Monument- Susanne explained the current status of the project. It was recently approved by the Chino Hills City Council. There were suggestions made by the Council to have the monument built at Veterans Park. It is the desire, however, of the Veterans Committee to have it built on the grounds at the Chino Hills Community Center (CHCC). That will be the location. We are ready to proceed in terms of the fundraising. The goal is to have the monument paid for and built by Veterans Day 2017. The Veterans Committee is currently selling tribute bricks to help with the fundraising.

Bingo- Susanne announced that the Board has voted for our Club's Bingo to continue. The equipment will be purchased.

Make a Child Smile (MACS) Organization- Susanne invited members to participate, once again, in the MACS. In December, there will be another opportunity to aid the Chino Valley Fire District with its annual project. Volunteers are needed to collect and organize items to be distributed to the children. In appreciation of the Club's previous assistance, the Chino Valley Fire District has presented Susanne and the Chino Hills 55+ Club with a "perpetual plaque" to be inscribed each year with our continued participation.

Caring for the Hills- Ron and Donna Forbes have volunteered, again this year, to shop for and deliver items to the distribution center. Another volunteer is needed to collect and store items which members donate at CHCC in a designated box. She asked that any willing volunteer notify her.

Club Logo Shirts- Susanne also asked that any volunteer who would be willing to assist with selling the Club logo shirts during the general meetings notify her.

Treasurer's Report: Brett presented the Finance Committee report. The previous bank balance, as of June 30, was \$8,686. Deposits were \$619. Checks cleared were in the amount of \$832. The ending bank balance, as of July 31, was \$8,473. Checks outstanding are in the amount of \$66. The Veterans Monument Fund is \$2,936. The Bingo subsidy is \$3,000. The adjusted balance, as of July 31, is \$2471.

Activity Groups:

Veterans Group – Joe Bok reminded the members that the USO box is located in the back of the meeting room for on-going donations of toiletry items. He also reminded everyone of the Lions Club collection of used eyeglasses.

Joe reiterated that the fundraising has now begun for the Veterans Monument. Members are invited to purchase a tribute brick to help with the project. The bricks can be personalized with a message or tribute. For a limited time, the 4x8 bricks are \$125.00 and the 8x8 bricks are \$325.00. On Veterans Day 2016 the prices will increase \$50.00 each. Joe has order forms for any members interested in supporting the project by purchasing a brick. The bricks will be placed around the base of the monument. The target date for completion of the project is Veterans Day of next year, November 11, 2017.

Joe also announced that Mayor Bennett will present Vietnam-era vets with an honorary pin at the next general meeting on September 30.

The next meeting of the Veterans Group will be on September 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Book Club- Susanne announced that the book club will be sponsoring another book sale in September and asked that people bring in any unwanted books to the next general meeting.

'At the Movies' Group- Susanne announced that this group needs a leader temporarily. If anyone is willing to fill in temporarily for Carolyn Robb, please notify Susanne.

Membership: Jane announced that there were three new members present. There were also five visitors. Their names were announced and they were acknowledged and welcomed.

Programming: Jane announced that the excursion for September will be an outing to the Garment District in downtown Los Angeles, on Friday, September 9. Those attending will meet at CHCC at 8:00 a.m. They will ride the Metrolink from the Pomona station to Union Station. From Union Station they will ride DASH to the Garment District. They will ride the 3:33 p.m. train back to Pomona and should return to CHCC by 5:30 p.m. The train and bus fare combined will be a total of \$9.50.

On Saturday, October 1, there will be a carpooling trip to the Workman and Temple Family Homestead House in the City of Industry for the *Ticket to the Twenties* Festival.

The excursion for December will be to the Gardiner W. Spring Auditorium in Ontario to see the Chaffey Theatre Company's production of *Cinderella*.

Chino Hills Day at the Fair will be on Friday, September 23. All members are invited to walk in the parade with the Club. Jane asked that members notify her if they would like to participate. Jane also asked that if anyone has a truck that can be used in the parade, to please notify her. We have one truck currently, so sitting space is limited. Anyone participating in the parade will have free admission to the fair. Fair tickets for that day can be purchased for \$5.00 at the desk at CHCC if you are not participating in the parade.

On Saturday, October 8, will be the Chino Hills Wine Walk. It is a fundraiser for the Chino Hills Community Foundation. It will take place from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at The Shoppes at Chino Hills. Tickets are \$45.00 in advance and \$55.00 at the door.

City Announcements:

Samantha McKenzie announced that the city will host a Halloween Luncheon on Wednesday, October 26. The ticket cost is \$5.00. Tickets are currently on sale.

Recreation employee, Valerie, is now the director of "Trips and Tours" for the city. She announced that on Monday, October 10, there will be a city-sponsored trip to tour the battleship U.S.S. Iowa in San Pedro. The ticket cost is \$46.00. They must be purchased by September 23.

Bingo: Sharon Montagne announced that her team, which works the fourth week of the month, is in need of another volunteer. Please notify her if you can assist.

Sunshine Committee: Loretta Szudy announced the names of Club members celebrating a birthday for this month. The Club birthday gift was presented to those members who were present. "Happy Birthday to You" was sung.

The members were entertained by special guest and tribute dancer, Hunter Felde.

The members were also entertained by the Chino Hills 55+ Club Line Dancers

***The September General Meeting date has been changed. Chino Hills Day at the Fair is on September 23; therefore, our September General Meeting will take place on the fifth Friday instead – on September 30.**

50/50 Drawing: The winners were Gloria Grotefend, Gloria Wilcox, and Alwen Jones. Each winner received \$20.00.

Lunch: The Hawaiian pineapple chicken lunch was served by the **Hospitality Committee.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Next General Meeting: Friday, September 30, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary