

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2016 at Chino Hills Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susanne Baxter at 10:15 a.m.

Officers Present: President Susanne Baxter, Vice President Jane DeFrank, Treasurer Brett Benson, Secretary Renée Sylvia, and Ways and Means Officer Tessie Lightholder (Interim)

Officers Absent: None

The themes of the meeting were Honoring Vietnam-era Veterans and Football Tailgating.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Sgt. First Class Michael Guayante of the U.S. Army.

Commemorative Pin Presentation:

Sgt. Guayante presented Mayor (and veteran) Art Bennet with his commemorative pin and then Mayor Bennet proceeded to honor Vietnam-era Veterans from Chino Hills and various surrounding cities. Each of the veterans was called forward and presented with his/her commemorative pin, in acknowledgment of and in gratitude for his/her service to our country.

President's Report:

Susanne made the following announcements:

We will continue to collect food items for Caring for the Hills for the next two general meetings. A labeled bin will be available for deposit of donations.

Make a Child Smile event will take place the second week in December. Anyone interested in volunteering to assist can let Susanne know.

Fundraising is currently taking place for the Veterans Monument. Prices of the tribute bricks will increase on November 11, 2016. If any member knows of an organization which may be interested in becoming a sponsor for the project, please pass that information on to Bruce Simonson.

Bingo: George DeFrank reported that the BINGO crowd continues to grow. He stated that he would like to see more Club members coming to enjoy playing BINGO. He reminded everyone that there are \$50 payouts for the games and that our BINGO won the *Chino Hills Champion* Readers' Choice Award for Best Bingo in Chino Valley. He also reminded everyone that there are three "dark" days coming up in which BINGO will not be held. Those dates are October 20th, November 24th, and December 29th.

Programming: Jane made the following announcements:

The Club general meeting for November is scheduled for the third Friday of the month, on November 18th.

Tomorrow, Saturday, October 1st, there will be a mulch giveaway at Veterans Park.

The outing previously scheduled for tomorrow to the Workman and Temple Family Homestead House is cancelled due to lack of sign-ups.

The Chino Hills Wine Walk will take place on October 8th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The price is \$45 in advance and \$55 the day of the event.

The city is sponsoring Haunted Hike. Participants will walk along a “haunted maze” at the McCoy Equestrian Center. There will be a “tame” version, for younger children and a “scary” version for the older children. Please let Jane know if you would like to volunteer to help or participate. The Club will have a station at the gazebo near the McCoy Barn.

The city is sponsoring a Halloween party on October 26th. The price is \$5. There will be lunch and games.

There was a group that went on the outing to the Garment District in downtown Los Angeles on September 9th. They enjoyed the day.

Jane is planning an outing to see Chaffey Theatre Company’s production of *Cinderella* at the Spring Auditorium in Ontario on Friday, December 2nd.

On Saturday, December 3rd, the City of Chino Hills will be celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary.

In January, the outing will be a return trip for the Club to Santa Anita Racetrack.

Sunshine Committee: Yolanda Davidson 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.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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

Next General Meeting: Friday, October 28, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary