

## Chino Hills 55+ Club

### General Meeting Minutes

October 28, 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 theme of the meeting was Halloween.**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by J.D. Martinez.

**Mixer Activity:** Renée led the activity. Members worked in teams to complete a set of several proverbs/sayings by matching the proverbs/sayings with their ending words, which were cut off.

**President's Announcement:** Susanne announced that a member has sent out a political flyer, by mail to Chino Hills residents, with representation of our club t-shirt and logo included. She explained that our club, based on the laws pertaining to charitable and tax exempt organizations, cannot endorse any candidate or be political. She informed the membership that the board asked to meet with the member responsible. Two attempts were made by the board to meet with the member, but he was not present at either meeting. The board has decided to suspend his membership for six months, from October to March. Susanne explained that it is not believed that there was malice involved, but instead there was negligence in not knowing the laws pertaining to 501(c)(3) organizations.

#### **President's Report:**

Susanne made the following announcements:

The Club has lost its first member, Janet Sanchez, who passed away this month. Flowers were sent to her family on behalf of the Club. Some members attended one of her memorial services. Members are invited to send the family cards of condolences.

Ron and Donna Forbes will be shopping with our cash donation for Caring for the Hills. They will also deliver the donated food items to the distribution center this month.

The Make a Child Smile event at Wal-Mart will take place in December (exact date unknown). Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this event is asked to please let Susanne know.

Fundraising is currently taking place for the Veterans Monument. Prices of the tribute bricks will increase on November 11, 2016. Members were encouraged to invite their family members and neighbors to purchase tribute bricks. If any member knows of an organization which may be interested in becoming a sponsor for the project, please pass that information on to Susanne or Bruce Simonson.

**Programming:** Jane made the following announcements:

Jane and several Club members participated in the Chino Hills Haunted Hike, on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. They worked together to help make the event fun for the participating children.

The Club general meeting for November is scheduled for the third Friday of the month, on November 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a holiday potluck luncheon.

The annual Christmas Luncheon sponsored by the Chino Valley Fire District will take place on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Ticket price is \$5. Tickets will go on sale November 9<sup>th</sup>. It is on a first come, first served basis.

**Financial Report:** Brett presented the Finance Committee Report. The previous bank balance, as of August 31, 2016, was \$8,825. Deposits were \$306. Checks cleared were in the amount of \$2,093. The ending bank balance, as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, is \$7,038. Outstanding checks are in the amount of \$143. The Veterans Monument Fund is \$3,186. The BINGO subsidy is \$1,000. The adjusted balance, as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, is \$2,709.

**Veterans Group:** Joe Bok announced that the Vets Group continues to work on the financing for the Veterans Monument. Tribute bricks are currently being sold. There was a fundraiser at the Chino IHOP. It is not yet known how much money was raised. Sal Avila announced that the group is in the process of organizing another fundraiser at BJ's in Chino Hills. They are awaiting final details, but they think it will take place on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please check the Club website for updated details. A flyer will be printed out advertising the fundraiser.

**Halloween Contest Winners:** Jane announced the Halloween Contest winners. They were as follows: Judi Klecansky for prettiest costume, Loretta Szudy for funniest costume, Candy Rendall for most original costume, and Agnes Thornton for scariest costume.

**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.

**50/50 Drawing:** The winners were Alwen Jones, Brett Benson, and Bettye Corum. Each received \$20.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. in memory of Janet Sanchez.**

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

**Next General Meeting:** Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary