

Chino Hills 55+ Club

General Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2017 at Chino Hills Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susanne Baxter at 10:06 a.m.

Officers Present: President Susanne Baxter, Vice President Jane DeFrank, Treasurer Brett Benson, and Webmaster/Interim Information Officer Sharon Stuewe.

Officers Absent: Secretary Renée Sylvia and Ways and Means Officer Tessie Lightholder.

The theme of the meeting was "Thanksgiving".

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Brett Benson.

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

Mixer Activity: Donna Forbes led the activity. Members met at their secondary tables and got better acquainted by playing a game titled "Left, Right, Center" using nickels provided by the Club.

President's Report:

Susanne shared with us some trivia about the origins of the holiday of Thanksgiving – Sarah Josepha Hale was an American writer and an influential editor. She is the author of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb". She wrote many letters in support of the proposed national holiday. President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863. The new national holiday was considered a unifying day after the stress of the American Civil War.

The Nominating Committee will be chaired by Carolyn Robb and voting will take place at the February General Meeting. Susanne reviewed the club bylaws descriptions for each open position: Vice President, Secretary, and Webmaster/Information Officer. Since Brett is stepping down from the Treasurer position at the end of November, the club is also looking for an interim treasurer to serve the remainder of his term (ending 2/28/2019). Brett has agreed to continue to maintain the BINGO finances as BINGO Accountant since it has a separate account and reports are made to the City. Susanne made it clear that the club MUST have a Treasurer in order to comply with 501(c)(3) rules. Also, Renée will not be running again for the position of Secretary.

The Club has been invited to return to the BAPS Hindu Temple in January for a more detailed tour. When the Club visited on October 18, some areas were closed due to preparations taking place for their Diwali Festival.

Vice President's Report:

Jane announced the following outings and events...

November 18th – The Nutcracker Boutique at the Brea Community Center. We will meet at the door of the Brea Community Center at 9:00 a.m.

December 1st – The Harvest Craft Festival at the Pomona Fairgrounds. The meeting time is yet to be announced.

December 3rd – The Chino Hills Holiday Home Tour. The Tour begins at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from the City.

December 6th – The Make a Child Smile Event. We will meet at Wal-Mart at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be provided for the volunteers who will be bagging the children's gifts. Please wear your red Club shirt.

December 8th – Centerpiece Craft Day, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will be wrapping boxes for the centerpieces for the December 13th Christmas Luncheon sponsored by the Chino Valley Fire District.

December 13th – The Active Adults Christmas Luncheon sponsored by the Chino Valley Fire District, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and are selling out quickly.

December 15th – The Chino Hills Boat Parade. The Club will not be in the parade, but will meet in front of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church to view the parade together. Bring a folding yard chair and a blanket.

December 22nd – The next general meeting theme will be "Grinch Christmas". Lunch will be catered by Papachino's Grill and Greens in Chino. The lunch will be complimentary for members and \$10 for non-members.

January 10th – The Bowers Museum in Santa Ana featuring "Endurance: The Antarctic Legacy of Sir Ernest Shackleton and Frank Hurley". Also "Empress Dowager Cixi: Selections from the Summer Palace". More Bowers Museum tours are expected every few months as the exhibits change.

Jane also announced she will be stepping down as chair of the Hospitality Committee. The Club is looking for volunteers to chair this committee, as well as helpers to assist. If there are no volunteers, the Committee will cease to exist and we will no longer serve lunch after our general meetings. Another lunch option is for all those interested to meet at a different restaurant after the meeting each month.

Treasurer's Report: Brett will be resigning at the end of November due to health issues. He has renewed our BINGO license and has paid for our insurance. (We have a \$1 million liability policy). Brett asked that any requests for reimbursement be turned in to him by November 25, so he can wrap up the finances for the month of November. He announced that the Club is in good shape financially, with a balance of \$20,000. \$17,000 of that is for the Veterans Monument.

Mayor Ray Marquez (also a Club member) was in attendance. He thanked the Club for supporting various City events and also thanked Susanne and Jane for going with him to look at various senior centers in surrounding areas.

Website Review: Webmaster Sharon Stuewe demonstrated to Club members how to navigate to different pages on the Club website. Areas highlighted were the minutes from previous meetings, the lunch menu, the meeting theme, and the photo gallery. Sharon also explained and demonstrated how the monthly email reminder, which is sent to each club member, also includes these links to the website.

City/Community Report: Lexy DalPont, Recreation Specialist, from the City of Chino Hills Active Adults 50+ thanked the veterans for participating in the Pie Social on Veteran's Day. She also announced that on December 5th, at 11:30 a.m., there will be a Cookie Decorating Class. The cost is \$10.00. The

Christmas Luncheon, sponsored by the Chino Hills Fire District, will take place on December 13th. The ticket price is \$5.00. There will be a movie social coming up in January. More details to come.

Veterans Group: Bruce Simonson announced that the Tahoe Joe's fundraiser was a great success and raised \$636 for the Veterans Monument. He also announced that in mid-January the Vets Group will schedule a trip to Flo's Café at the Chino Airport for lunch and then visit the Planes of Fame Museum there.

Book Club: Donna Forbes announced there will be no book for the month of December due to the holiday party. The book club will be going to Harkins Movie Theater together to see *Wonder* on November 28th. The book for January will be *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert and that meeting will be hosted by Ricky Cecala. The book club meets on the third Thursday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Chino Hills Community Center.

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. All are welcome to join. The next meeting will be November 27th at 10:00 a.m. She will schedule a visit to the Family History Center soon.

BINGO Report: Susanne announced the board has approved an increase in payouts. Beginning November 16, the specialty games have increased from \$50 to \$100 payouts. The Powerball payout was also increased. Rick MacDonald has volunteered to be one of the callers.

Sunshine Committee: Yolanda Davidson 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.

Members celebrating wedding anniversaries were also announced:

Carmen and Fernandez Amezcuita – November 5th (celebrated their 62nd anniversary).

Betty and Alan Benson – November 7th.

Cara (Sue) and Dave Schiavoni – November 19th.

50/50 Drawing: The winners were Agnes Thornton, Nancy Horstmeyer, and Nancy Horstmeyer. Each winner won \$20.

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

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

Next General Meeting: Friday, December 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Members voted, by a show of hands, that there will be NO gift exchange for the December meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary

Notes and Assistance Kindly Provided by Sharon Stuewe.