

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2016 at Chino Hills Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jane DeFrank at 10:12 a.m.

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

Officers Absent: President Susanne Baxter

The theme of the meeting was Thanksgiving.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Bruce Simonson.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: The minutes were approved, as written.

Mixer Activity: Renée led the activity. Members worked in teams to match the two sections of a collection of "catch phrases", as well as the movie, show, or character from which they originated.

Vice President's General Announcements: Jane made the following announcements:

The Veterans Group continues to work on financing for the Veterans Monument. They are hoping for the unveiling to be on Veterans Day of next year. Members are encouraged to purchase tribute bricks and to encourage their family and friends to purchase bricks.

Next year, in early 2017, there will be Club elections for the positions of President, Treasurer, and Ways and Means Chairperson. Please inform Jane if anyone is interested in adding their name to the ballot. Carolyn Robb should return next year as head of the nominations committee.

President Susanne Baxter has requested that members fill out a survey sheet today. The survey will provide input from the members which will assist Susanne and the board with planning for 2017.

BINGO Announcements: BINGO manager, George DeFrank, was not present, but Jane announced that the BINGO program is progressing. It will be dark next week, however, because of Thanksgiving. It will also be dark on the Thursday between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Programs: Jane made the following program announcements:

The City of Chino Hills will host a public outreach meeting to provide information on the city's Hazard Mitigation Plan on Wednesday, November 30th, from 6:00-8:00 at Chino Hills City Hall. There is a form available today which members may use to communicate any safety or hazard issues they may have. You may return the filled out form to Jane or to the desk at CH Community Center.

The Chino Hills Anniversary Laser Light Show and Tree Lighting will take place on Saturday, December 3, from 5:00-8:30 p.m. at Chino Hills Community Center. This event is free.

The Make a Child Smile event will take place at the Chino Wal-Mart on December 7th. There is a sign-up sheet available today for anyone interested in volunteering. The event will begin at 8:00 a.m. that morning in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

The annual Christmas Luncheon sponsored by the Chino Valley Fire District will take place on Wednesday, December 14th. Ticket price is \$5. A few tickets are still available.

The December general meeting will have a holiday theme and there will be entertainment provided. A suggestion was made by a few members that we have a gift exchange. Jane will discuss the suggestion with the board.

Jeannette Benson announced that we will enjoy a catered lunch at the December 9th meeting. The price of the lunch is \$4, which she is collecting today. She is also selling Club shirts.

The Club January outing will take place on the first Friday of the month, January 6, 2017. The destination will be Santa Anita Race Track.

Financial Report: Brett presented the Finance Committee Report. The previous bank balance, as of September 30, 2016, was \$7,038. Deposits were \$2,341. Checks cleared were in the amount of \$801. The ending bank balance, as of October 31, was \$8,578. Outstanding checks are in the amount of \$70. The Veterans Monument Fund is \$4,198. The adjusted balance, as of October 31, is \$4,310

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. Joe encouraged the members to purchase bricks to contribute to the cost of building the monument. Joe also shared that the Chino Hills City Council presented him with a Proclamation recognizing the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Vietnam War. He also thanked the members for the U.S.O. contributions and shared that he received a thank you note from the U.S.O. Ontario Center for our contributions. He reminded members that no hotel items can be accepted.

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. There were also two couples, Dave and Sue Schiavoni, and Fernando and Carmen Amezquita, celebrating wedding anniversaries this month. They were wished a Happy Anniversary. Loretta asked that the members contact the Sunshine Committee if they know of any members who may be ill, so a get well greeting may be sent to them.

50/50 Drawing: The winners were Gloria Grotefend, Joe Bok, and Barbara Warner. Each received \$19.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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

Next General Meeting: Friday, December 9th, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary