

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2016 at Chino Hills Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susanne Baxter at 10:05 a.m.

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

Officers Absent: None

The theme of the meeting was Christmas.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Joe Bok.

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

Mixer Activity: Renée led the activity. Members worked in teams to match lyrical lines from traditional Christmas carols.

President's General Announcements: Susanne made the following announcements:

She thanked members who filled out last month's surveys for their input. The board is looking into including some of those suggestions in the Club program for next year. Volunteers are always needed.

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. Susanne expressed her desire, on behalf of the Club, to be able to give back to the community with the building of this monument.

In February of 2017, there will be Club elections for the positions of President, Treasurer, and Ways and Means Chairperson. Carolyn Robb will not be available to lead the Nominations Committee because of illness, but Gloria Grotefend will be filling in for her. If any member is interested in running for either of the positions or knows of someone who is interested in running, please inform Gloria. In January, Gloria and her committee will notify the Club of the committee's selection.

The Club will be starting up the 'At the Movies Group' again in February of next year. Someone new may lead that group since Carolyn is out indefinitely.

The Book Club will resume regularly scheduled meetings in January, on the third Thursday of the month. All are invited.

The Crafts Group meets with Jane on the second Monday of each month. All are invited.

The Make a Child Smile event took place on Wednesday, December 7th, for one hundred children in need. There were thirteen 55+ Club members who assisted with wrapping/bagging the gifts which the children chose.

The Club will enjoy the "Souper Bowl", a soup potluck at the general meeting in January. The sign-up sheet circulated and was available for members who are interested in participating. Each participant will receive three bowls to sample three different soups.

On April 22nd, there will be a jazz and blues concert at the Chino Hills Field of Dreams. Barbara Morrison will be one of the performers.

Susanne reminded members to continue to periodically check the Club website, managed by Sharon Stuewe. She also reminded the members about our Club Facebook page.

Susanne presented Sharon Montagne with a certificate of appreciation for her dedication to and work with the Hospitality Group for the past three years.

Programs: Jane made the following program announcements:

The Chino Hills Boat Parade will take place on Friday, December 16th. We have a boat and a truck to tow it, but we need interested participants. The boat will need to be decorated by 2:00 p.m. that day. It needs to be finished and ready at the staging area by 6:00. If interested, please let Jane know.

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. Members who are interested may sign up and Jane will get the details and information to those members. Departure time will be approximately 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Next Monday, December 12th, some members will be completing the plastic cup snowman, which they began last Monday. A sample was displayed for members to see.

City Announcements: Samantha MacKenzie announced that Sarah with the Chino Hills Recreation Department will be taking over for her soon.

Samantha announced that the Chino Valley Firemen's Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, December 14th. It is currently sold out. If you have a ticket, check-in will begin at 11:45 a.m. The luncheon begins at 12:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, January 25, 2017, there will be a city sponsored breakfast/matinee. The cost will be \$2.00. A show of hands indicated that our group would like to view the movie *Sully*, starring Tom Hanks.

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. He also thanked members for the U.S.O. contributions and we were reminded that more contributions to the U.S.O. are needed.

Bruce Simonson reported that the monument project is in need of more corporate sponsorships. If anyone knows of a group or corporation that is willing to make a donation, please let him know.

It was also announced that a Club fundraiser is being planned. It will be a wine tasting event at a winery in Montclair. The proceeds will go to the Veterans Monument. The date is set for March 25th.

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.

The members were entertained by the 55+ Club Line Dancers.

The members were entertained by George Lightholder with a comedy routine.

The members received a "free of charge" raffle ticket and many members won prizes.

50/50 Drawing: The winners were Gloria Grotefend, Anita Bochman, and Linda Carmona. Each received \$35.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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

Next General Meeting: Friday, January 27th, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary