

**Chino Hills 55+ Club**  
**General Meeting Minutes**

**December 22, 2017 at Chino Hills Community Center**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Susanne Baxter at 10:08 a.m.

**Officers Present:** President Susanne Baxter, Vice President Jane DeFrank, Secretary Renée Sylvia, and Webmaster/Interim Information Officer Sharon Stuewe.

**Officers Absent:** Ways and Means Officer Tessie Lightholder

**The theme of the meeting was “Grinch Christmas”.**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by Ron Sinsabaugh.

Susanne welcomed everyone to the meeting and to our holiday celebration. She reminded the members that the holiday lunch today would be complimentary and catered by Papachino’s Grill and Greens in Chino. She also informed the members that there would also be a complimentary glass of wine for each member. Because of the wine being served, there would be a couple of rules of which she had to make us aware...

The server would not be drinking.

The wine must be enjoyed inside of our meeting room.

There is a security guard on duty.

**Approval of Previous Month’s Minutes:** The minutes from the November General Meeting were approved, as written and posted on the website. Susanne reminded the membership that the minutes from the previous month’s general meeting can always be accessed through the Club website. They are also available on the Club’s Information Bulletin Board at the rear of the meeting room at each general meeting.

**Mixer Activity:** Renée led the activity. Members met in groups to assemble small jigsaw puzzles and then to match lines of lyrics from popular Christmas carols. Then new groups assembled and each group joined in and the entire membership sang “The Twelve Days of Christmas” together.

**President’s Report:** Susanne explained that the Club is in transition. There has been the open position of Treasurer since Brett Benson resigned in November. Gail Smith has been appointed by Susanne to the position of Interim Treasurer. Gail will complete Brett’s term and a new Treasurer will be elected in February of 2019.

The Nominating Committee will be chaired by Carolyn Robb. Nominations will take place at the January General Meeting and voting will take place at the February General Meeting. Carolyn will be asking some members for assistance with this committee. The three positions which will be voted on in February are Vice President, Secretary, and Webmaster/Information Officer. (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. Also, Renée will not be running again for the position of Secretary.)

**Vice President's Report:** Jane announced that she will be publishing a monthly Club newsletter, "Constant Contact". Copies of it will be made available on the tables each month on the day of the general meeting. The newsletter will include dates, events, and program information.

At the January General Meeting there will be a presentation by Robert Snyder from the Department of Automotive Repair. He will discuss fraud and scams in terms of seniors dealing with auto repairs.

Jane announced that no members have expressed interest in organizing and assisting with the Hospitality Committee. Therefore, there will no longer be lunches served after our general meetings. Jane recognized several members who have helped with this committee in the years since the Club has been in existence. Those Hospitality Committee members who were recognized with a certificate of appreciation were:

Sanaa Abdelgawad, Carmen Amezcuita, Susanne Baxter, Jeanette Benson, Bea Eckland, Maria Galvan, Tessie Lightholder, Judy MacDonald, Sharon Montagne, and Carolyn Robb.

Also, Jane recognized and thanked Mary Menkus and Agnes Thornton who have provided her with much assistance, in terms of the Membership Committee. Also, recognized and thanked was Gloria Grotefend for stepping up some months ago when Jane asked for an assistant. Gloria has helped Jane with the weekly *Champion* ad, as well as with other Club tasks.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susanne announced that the Club is doing well financially. As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, there is \$25,123.02 in the general account. This amount includes the Veterans Monument Fund. She also announced that the BINGO account has a total of \$10,406.46.

**City/Community Liaison:** Jane announced that Lexy DalPont has accepted another job with the City of Chino Hills, so she is no longer with the Parks and Recreation Commission. We currently do not have a city liaison and are waiting for a new person to fill that position.

**Genealogy Group:** Kathy Jackson announced that the group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at The Chino Hills Library in the computer room. All are welcome to join. The next meeting will be Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

**BINGO Report:** Manager George DeFrank announced that BINGO has been doing well, overall. With proceeds earned from our BINGO, the Club will be making a donation of \$1500.00 towards the Veterans Monument. There will also be a donation of \$1,000.00 made to Red Bucket Equine Rescue in Chino Hills, on behalf of the Club, with BINGO proceeds.

George also recognized and thanked our three BINGO callers: Manny Padilla, Barbara Warner, and Maria Galvan. The three callers received certificates of appreciation for a job well done.

**Veterans Group:** Bruce Simonson announced that there is currently approximately \$17,000.00 in the Veterans Monument Fund. With the addition of the Club's recent donation, there is now approximately \$18,500.00. The next Veterans Group Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.

**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.

Yolanda also recognized John and JoAnne DeMonaco who celebrated their fifty-first wedding anniversary this month.

**50/50 Drawing:** The winners were Georgene Belz, Rick MacDonald, and Manny Padilla. Each winner received \$29.

**Miscellaneous:**

Susanne announced that Kathy Jackson has offered to fill in temporarily and manage the 50/50 Drawings at the general meetings while Fernando and Carmen Amezcua take a break.

Fran Martinez was recognized and welcomed back from being absent several months, due to illness.

New member, Pam Seggerman, was recognized and welcomed.

**Lunch:** The complimentary, catered lunch from Papachino's Grill and Greens was served.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

**Next General Meeting:** Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary

**Notes and Assistance Kindly Provided by Yolanda Davidson and Sharon Stuewe.**