

**Chino Hills 55+ Club**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**April 22, 2016 at Chino Hills Community Center**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Susanne Baxter at 10:03 a.m.

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

**Officers Absent:** None

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

**Approval of February Minutes:** A motion was made, then seconded for the approval of the minutes, as written.

**Election of Treasurer:** Susanne opened up the floor for nominations. There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were then closed. Ballots were passed out. Brett explained that, if elected, he will officially resign as Information Officer – Webmaster, and the Board will appoint a new Webmaster.

**Activity Mixer:** Renee led the mixer activity. The members were asked to proceed to their secondary tables. The members at each table worked as a team on a trivia game. One table was declared the winner and each team member of that team was given a small prize. Questions in the game were from the categories of Earth Day and Earth general facts.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brett presented the Finance Committee report. The previous bank statement balance was \$7,929. The ending bank statement balance was \$6,781. The Veterans Monument Fund is \$2,250. Outstanding checks are in the amount \$201. The adjusted balance, as of 2/29/16, is \$4,330.

**Vice-President Club Announcements:** Jane reminded the members about the general meeting table centerpieces and that all are invited to participate in making them. Members may take home and keep the centerpiece that they make. Any extra centerpieces will be sold to any interested members for a nominal fee.

Jane made the members aware of the Aerojet Facility Clean-Up Project. She attended the city meeting and stated that many residents are not happy with the clean-up. There is concern about uranium and what is in the soil being left behind. She has references and website addresses for any members who are interested in obtaining more information.

Jane reminded the members that our Bingo is on-going.

Also, she stated that next month we will celebrate Armed Forces Day. That will be the theme of next month's meeting. Jane is currently collecting photos of our veterans in their uniforms and would like to pay tribute to them, by using the photos to help decorate the tables.

Last month the Events Committee sponsored the Club trip to Santa Anita Race Track on April 1<sup>st</sup>. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a trip to the La Brea Tar Pits in Los Angeles. We will carpool.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the Children's Art Expo. Also, that day will be the Chino Hills Rotary Club Multicultural Day event. Our club's line dancers will be performing at these events.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a trip to the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a trip to Olvera Street on the train.

Jane explained that the Events Committee is organizing a trip/event on the first Friday of each month. Tessie Lightholder is always looking for places for the members to go that have senior free days and senior discounts. A suggestion was made from the membership that we take a trip to the Reagan Library in Simi Valley.

**Volunteer Appreciation:** Susanne presented certificates of appreciation to the following members for their dedication to the Club: Maria Galvan, Fran Martinez, Gilbert Valle, Tessie Lightholder, and Fernando Amezcua.

**Election Results:** It was announced that Brett was elected Treasurer. His letter of resignation as the webmaster/information officer had just been submitted to Susanne. It was also announced that Sharon Stuewe has been appointed the new webmaster.

#### **Chino Hills City Announcements made by Samantha MacKenzie:**

The summer schedule is slower with not as many events. The Fly Me to the Moon dinner/dance is on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$15.00 and tickets are still available. There will be live music. Please dress to impress! On Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Coffee Talk with the Chino Valley Fire District from 9:00 to 10:00. It is a breakfast social. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be String Art, a string and nails art class. It will be from 10:00 to 12:00 and the cost is \$10.00. On July 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a trip to Old Town San Diego by bus.

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**Standing Rules Change Regarding Membership Dues:** Brett made a motion to change the standing rules in regards to the membership dues. He proposed a change from \$10.00 to \$12.00, per year. In addition, there would be a contingency to use a sliding scale of one dollar per month when new members join mid-year. The motion was seconded and passed. The annual dues will be changed to \$12.00.

#### **Activity Groups:**

**Book Club** - Donna Forbes announced that the next Book Club Meeting will take place on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. The book for this month is a thriller titled *Hostage*, written by Don Brown. The discussion will be led by Gloria Grotefend.

**'At the Movies' Group** - Carolyn Robb announced that this month's movie night will be the last one until the fall. Please check the website for the day, title, and restaurant for this month's selections.

**Veterans Group** - Joe Bok announced that the group has selected a new site for the Vets Monument. The previous space could not be used because of the discovery of underground utility lines. He pointed

out that fundraising for the project is still needed. He is also still collecting toiletry items for the U.S.O. He thanked everyone for those donations.

**Committees:**

**Bingo/Fundraising:** Dona encouraged the members to come to play Bingo every Thursday. She thanked the volunteers who have been working Bingo.

She passed out fliers for the Club fundraiser at Bravo Burgers in Chino Hills on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunshine Committee** - Renee announced several birthdays for the month of April. Members who celebrated a birthday this month received the Club birthday gift. "Happy Birthday" was sung. She also acknowledged the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Duncan and Carolyn Robb.

**Special Announcement:** Tessie announced that on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Rotary Club Multicultural Event is taking place from 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Community Center. The 55+ Club line dancers will be participating. Jane will be presented with the Professional and Community Service Award at 7:00 p.m.

**Chino Valley Fire District Presentation:** Chino Valley Fire District Representative and Paramedic/Fire Captain Mike O'Toole presented information on the procedures and practices used in regards to 9-1-1 emergencies.

**50/50 Drawing:** The winners were Kathy Lening, Sharon Stuewe, and J.D. Martinez. Each winner received \$30.00.

**Lunch:** Was served by the **Hospitality Committee**.

**Line Dancing:** Led by Jimmie Lou Thies followed the luncheon.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.**

**Next General Meeting:** Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary