

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2016 at Chino Hills Community Center

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

Officers Present: President Susanne Baxter, Treasurer Brett Benson, and Ways and Means Officer Dona Moseley

Officers Absent: Secretary Renee Sylvia and Vice President Jane DeFrank – (first part of meeting)

The theme of the meeting was Military Appreciation and honoring those who serve and protect us.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Sal Avila.

Susanne gave a brief history on the life of Irving Berlin, writer of “God Bless America”.

Carolyn Robb led the membership in singing “God Bless America”.

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

Treasurer’s Report: Brett presented the Finance Committee report. The beginning balance was \$6,781.00. Deposits were \$570.00. Debits were \$986.00. The ending balance is \$6,365.00. The Veterans Monument Fund is \$2,250.00. Outstanding checks are in the amount \$146.00. The adjusted balance is \$3,969.00.

Brett also announced that Sal Avila, Club member and member of the Knights of Columbus, informed him that the Knights of Columbus had a fundraiser and are donating \$686.30 of their profits toward the Veterans Monument.

Susanne gave a brief history of Armed Forces Day. It was created by President Harry Truman on August 31, 1949. It is celebrated each year on the third Saturday in May. It was created to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches: the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Air Force, and the Coast Guard.

Mixer Activity: The members moved to the table of the number they received upon arrival to the meeting. They shared with their table group information and memories of the first veteran in their family history.

Guest Speaker - Chino Hills Police Department Captain Darren Goodman: Susanne introduced Captain Goodman and summarized his education and work history. She presented Captain Goodman with a Certificate of Appreciation from the 55+ Club. Captain Goodman then addressed the membership. He stated that Chino Hills is ranked in the Top Twenty Safest Places to live in California. He spoke about personal safety, situational awareness, and home safety. He discussed the importance of Neighborhood Watch Programs. He gave information on current telephone scams, identity theft, and burglaries. He also briefly discussed statistics on arrests, reports, and calls for service in Chino Hills. He ended by thanking the veterans in the Club for their service to our country.

Bingo/Fundraising: Dona reported that the amount raised in the Bravo Burger fundraiser was \$58.00. The owners of Bravo Burgers, however, made an additional donation and wrote the Club a check for \$70.00. Dona asked for fundraising ideas from the membership. She also reminded the membership that she has 55+ Club logo shirts for sale.

Dona reported that we have made changes in the sale of the Bingo games. We are now selling Bingo packages and have raised the buy-in prices, which allows for \$50.00 guaranteed payouts.

Book Club - Donna Forbes reminded everyone that the book club meets on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Community Center. This month's book is *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton. The discussion will be led by Susanne Baxter. Donna invited all members to join the book club.

Veterans Group - Joe Bok announced that the Veterans Group will be promoting/sponsoring the Veterans I.D. Program at Veterans Park during the Concert in the Park Event on Wednesday, June 29th.

Joe reminded the members to continue to donate toiletries and other items to the U.S.O. A box should be at the entrance of our meeting room.

He asked for a show of hands of the people who would be interested in participating in a Club field trip to the Reagan Library. There was a very positive response. He will research this and get back to us with some details.

The next Veterans Group meeting will be on Wednesday, June 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality and Events Committee: Tessie Lightholder reminded us that there will be a Club field trip on the first Friday of each month.

On Friday, June 3rd, will be the trip to Bowers Museum at 2002 N. Main Street in Santa Ana. The entrance fee is \$21.00. We will meet at Community Center at 10:00 a.m. and carpool to the museum.

On Friday, July 1st, we will be taking the Amtrak to Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles. We will meet at Community Center at 10:00 a.m. and carpool to the Claremont or Pomona Amtrak Station. Tessie will research the train schedules and prices and will provide further information at the June 55+ Club general meeting.

Chino Hills City Announcements made by Samantha McKenzie:

Samantha announced that our 55+ Club President is the Chino Hills Active Adult of the Month. There is an article about Susanne in the Active Adults 50+ Programming Bulletin.

She further announced that on Saturday, July 9th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. there will be a performance by jazz singer, Barbara Morrison. This is part of the Artist Series: Jazz & Blues which will take place at Community Center. The tickets are \$20.00 per person and space is limited.

On Friday, July 15th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the City has scheduled a trip to Old Town San Diego. The fee for Active Adults 50+ is \$35.00. The fee includes transportation from Community Center. Registration for this trip is required by Friday, June 24th.

Sunshine Committee: Loretta Szudy announced that two get well cards were mailed out this month to Club members. The Club birthday gift was presented to those members celebrating a birthday this month. "Happy Birthday to You" was sung.

Loretta explained again that a member must be present at the meeting the month of his/her birthday in order to receive the birthday gift and certificate. A friend or family member may not receive the gift on his/her behalf.

Vice President's Remarks: Jane reminded the membership that membership renewals are due by July 1st.

Jane also informed us that because of the graduation ceremony being held at Ayala High School on June 8th, there will be a need for the high school to use the parking lot at Community Center. The Hospitality and Events Committee and the Sunshine Committee will, therefore, have their meeting day rescheduled to the following Wednesday, June 15th.

Members were asked to match the nostalgic photos of our uniformed vets with our veterans' names.

50/50 Drawing: The winners were Diane Hodell, Joe Bok, and Kathy Jackson. Each winner received \$23.00. The Club received \$73.00.

Lunch: The pizza lunch was served by the **Hospitality Committee**.

Jimmye Lou Thies led line dancing after lunch.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next General Meeting: Friday, June 24th, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Renée Sylvia

Secretary

(Notes courtesy of Gloria Grotefend)