

**Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2019
At Chino Hills Community Center**

Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Susanne Baxter-Anderson, President, at 10:03 a.m. The theme of the meeting was Sports and Soups. Pot luck of assorted soups is being served today.

At the beginning of the meeting, Susanne noted that an update was done to our website which was not compatible. As a result, our website is currently down and has not been updated for a month. Sharon is working on correcting this issue.

Officers Present: President Susanne Baxter -Anderson, Vice President Jane DeFrank, Treasurer Gail Smith, Secretary Judi Klecansky, and Webmaster/Information Officer Sharon Stuewe.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rick MacDonald.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: The minutes were approved as written and will be posted on our website as soon as possible.

Susanne announced that we would next share the Treasurers report next prior to the usual Presidents Report.

Treasurers Report: The Board Member report for December, 2018. Gail reported the clubs previous bank balance as of December 01, 2018 was \$42,892.85. Deposits added were \$1898.08. Checks cleared were in the amount of \$51.72. The ending bank balance as of December 31, 2018, was \$44,739.21. There were no outstanding checks this month and the Veteran's Monument fund balance was \$40,869.31 which resulted in an adjusted club balance of \$3,869.90. Gail also announced that for those people who did not bring a Potluck dish, there will be a \$4 charge.

President's Report: The President's report started with Susanne stating that she had been approached by the media to make a confirmation of the status of our Veteran's Memorial funding. She asked that members contact the Board prior to announcing club business of a financial nature.

Susanne then focused on the Bylaw and Standing Rule revisions. All comments have been incorporated and this document is now requiring

approval. After some questions and comments, the group approved for finalization.

Susanne stressed the importance of kindness in our busy world. The club has provided some cards at the back table for those interested in reaching out to our members who are no longer able to attend. The club is willing to assist those who wish to reach out with addresses, etc.

Nomination Committee: There are currently two board positions open for nominations. These are the President and Treasurer positions. Rick MacDonald is the Chair of the Nomination committee. Rick has a team which will support this. Currently, there is only one nomination for the President which is the incumbent Susanne Baxter-Anderson. There are currently no nominations for the Treasurers position.

Jane read the letter from the Nominations Committee delineating the upcoming election. We have a serious problem. No one has stepped up and volunteered to run for the Treasurer position. The club cannot operate without a Treasurer. If we do not have a candidate for Treasurer before the February meeting the club will have to consider dissolution proceedings. This makes those who currently volunteer very sad. We have put our hearts and souls into this club for the last five and a half years and it hurts to think that this club means so little to the rest of the membership. Jane had visions of the celebration of our ten-year anniversary, but at this point we may not make our sixth anniversary. This job is not difficult as all the procedures are in place. It would require around eight hours per month. The duties are simple and the treasurer does not have to chair any groups or committees. Jane offered to talk to anyone interested in the duties and responsibilities. This being said, Jane opened the floor nominations for both President and Treasurer. After some discussion, Maria Gonzalez was nominated for the Treasurer position and Susanne was nominated to continue as the President.

We will vote at our next meeting, and we are requiring a three-minute speech by all nominees

Programming: Lou Alfonzo, Citizens on Patrol, introduced our Key Speaker, Captain John Walker, new police chief for Chino Hills. John is currently the Vice President of the Sheriff's Athletic Federation and previously served as Lieutenant for the Highland Police Department. He is an avid cyclist and belongs to the Redlands Cycling Club. The focus of his

talk today is on the quality of life in Chino Hills and what is being done to continue, or better it.

A series of Chino Hills Police Department “Quality of Life” Conferences are being held at the McCoy Equestrian Center on 14280 Peyton Drive, Chino Hills. There will be four individual meetings which are scheduled according to your voting district. It was noted that if you cannot make your district meeting, you may attend any one of them that fit your schedule. If you don’t know your district, this information is available on the Chino Hills city website: www.chinohills.org. A flyer was handed out to the members during this meeting.

These meetings are for citizens to address any “Quality of Life” issues in our community that we would like addressed by the Police Dept. They are trying to get a handle on the issues and prioritizing those ideas which would be most important to enhance your community. These ideas could include crime prevention, etc.

Meeting times at McCoy Equestrian Center are listed below by district:

Monday, February 4 for Districts 4/5 at 6:30 -8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 5, District 3 at 6:30 -8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 6, District 2 at 6:30 -8:30 p.m.

Friday, February 8, District 1 at 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Captain John Walker noted that the city is currently in the cycle of adding cameras in key intersections and currently we have 56 out of 83 installed. Data will be presented at the Chino Hills City Council in approximately six months.

A series of questions and answers presented attendees insight into services our Police Dept. can supply. Issues discussed were mail fraud, identity theft, and parking issues. Video opportunities can be provided by the police as well.

Captain Walker’s talk was deeply appreciated and enabled those present to get a sense of direction on the future of Chino Hills.

Activity: Renee Sylvia led a Bingo game entitled “Souper” Bowl Bingo. Each attendee was given a sheet to complete based on sports and soup

questions. The first two to black out their cards were the winners. The winners were Fran Martinez and Gary Seggerman. It was a lot of fun!

Vice President's Report: Our February meeting falls on George Washington's Birthday. How fitting since it is our election where we get to exercise rights that George and our other founding fathers fought for. Also, in honor of George Washington we will be celebrating National Cherry Pie day. Our after-meeting lunch will be at Souplantation. They do offer Senior Citizens discounts.

Jane reported that the club has a new specialist for Active Adult programs. Her name is Azalea Ramirez and she works for the Chino Hills Community Center. She will be the go-to person for all city events and will be taking over making the announcements for our city sponsored activities.

City Community Report: Upcoming city activities include the following:

3rd Annual Valentine's Day Dance Showcase will be held at CH Community Center on Wednesday, February 13 at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$5.00.

An Easter Egg Scramble (adults only) is planned for April 12, 2019. Please bring your flashlights as it is at night.

Chino Hills third annual Jazz Concert is coming on March 30, 2019. Further information to be presented at our next meeting.

There is a Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity Charity Golf Tournament on Monday, May 20, 2019 at Western Hills Country Club. A flyer is provided on the back table for more details.

A flyer is out for the 3rd Annual Active Adults Dinner Dance will be held on April 19, 2019. There will be further details to follow.

Club Committees/ Activity Groups: These groups include our Bingo in the Barn, Veterans group, quilting group, craft group, book club and Genealogy.

For further information, please review our "Constant Contact" sheet provided at the back table. This newsletter also provides the dates and times for our various committees and activity groups.

Sunshine Committee: Loretta Szudy presented recognition for both the December 2018 and January 2019 birthdays. Pictures were taken to

commemorate. Our anniversary couple for January 2019 was Jane and George DeFrank.

Veterans Group: A fundraiser is being held at Cannataro's Italian Restaurant on Thursday January 31, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. The address is 12345 Mountain Ave. in Chino. The club will receive a 50% discount when ordering from a selected menu, or a 25% donation when ordering from the regular menu. Cannataro's has been voted "Best Italian Food" for two years by Chino Valley.

Activity: The group was invited to attend another activity. This one was based on passing a football to eight -person groups. The one who was holding the ball when the buzzer went off was eliminated.

50/50 Drawing: There were ticket sales for \$125.00. \$65.00 went to the club, and the balance of \$60.00 was split between Yolanda Davidson, John Vega (visitor) and Susanne Baxter- Anderson received \$20.00

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. and was followed by our soup pot luck.

Next General Meeting: Friday, February 22, 2019 at 10: 00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judi Klecansky, Secretary