

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2018
At Chino Hills Community Center

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 Halloween.

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

Officers Absent: None

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Charles Haeflinger.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: The minutes were approved as written and as posted on the website.

The planned guest speaker John Walker, the new Chino Hills Chief of Police was unable to attend the meeting as planned. We will try to reschedule at a later time.

President's Report:

Susanne, who was dressed as Little Red Riding Hood started with an overview of the Halloween festivities and the upcoming activity and costume contest.

She told us about the "Legend of the Green Mist" and other urban legends. The Legend of the Green Mist originated from strange sightings at the old Aero jet facility. Folks speculated and tried to go there but were stopped by dense green fog and legends of animal sacrifices. There was also speculation it was a missile site, containing many weapons and land mines as well. It was even speculated that a cow blew up there. Another high school students story was mentioned which involved a haunted gas station and ghostly vehicle.

Our November meeting is rescheduled to November 16, 2018. Next month's meeting will be "Friendsgiving" potluck. We are looking for a coordinator to help with this. Those interested please see Susanne.

Renee Sylvia will be leading a new group looking at the club's current By-Laws and Standing Rules. Those interested, please see Renee.

Susanne noted that we will not be filling the slot for Ways and Means officer and that we will fulfill requirements on an "as needed" basis.

Treasurers Report: Gail reported the club's previous bank balance as of September 1, 2018 was \$33,480.74. Deposits added were \$5,686.35. Checks cleared were in the amount of \$2,138.45. The ending bank balance as of September 30, 2018 was \$37,028.64. There were no outstanding checks this month and the Veteran's Monument fund balance was \$34,510.56 which resulted in an adjusted club balance of \$2,518.08.

Mixer activity: Renee Sylvia led the activity. There were nine tables and each table had three lists to complete. The lists contained certain subjects, such as patriotic songs and others. The tables that finished the fastest and were accurate received prizes.

We all voted for the best costume and the winner was Sharon Montagne for being the sexy cop.

Vice President's Report: Jane started by addressing next month's meeting that we are thankful for our friends. There will be a Pickleball demonstration as well as members who are showcasing their crafts and hobbies.

She welcomed our two returning members Ned Rogers and Janisse Minter. We all were pleased to see Brett at our meeting. We had two visitors Eleanor Sage and Suzy Nicohlin.

The club is planning a visit to pick apples at Riley's Farms in Oak Glen on Monday October 29, 2018. Those attending will meet in front of the Community Center at 9:30 a.m.

City Community Report: Jane addressed the upcoming festivities of our local holiday season this year:

There is a Veterans Claim Event on November 8, 2018 at the Chino Hills City Center which is hosted by our County Supervisor Curt Hagman's District Office. Veterans and their families are invited. Veterans are asked to provide their DD Form 214. Services provided will be focused on answering questions about existing claims, benefits assessment and other claims matters. Also, they will issue San Bernardino County Veterans ID cards. All services will be free of charge. For further information contact Sally Gibson at 909/382-3280 or via email at SGibson@VA.SBCounty.gov.

The Firemen's Christmas luncheon will be held December 11, 2018. Tickets go on sale November 7, 2018. Two tickets maximum to be purchased per member. Attendees must be Chino Hills residents.

An Omni Trans informational seminar will be held at the Chino Hills Community Center at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 2018. There will be an Omni Trans representative that will be able to answer any questions regarding: The Omni Trans Ride Program. Questions include; bus fees, travel information for seniors, accessing ADA, transportation for residents with disabilities and more. Please RSVP to (909) 364-2839 and advise Jane if you have questions regarding this seminar.

Cynthia Moran is holding "Cyn's Sip 'n Shop - Girls night out" at Los Serrano's Country Club November 14, 2018. Flyers are at the back table.

December 2, 2018 is our annual Holiday Home Tour. The tour is from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. A reception will follow at the Chino Hills Community Center immediately afterward. Tickets are \$40 per person.

December 4, 2019 at 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. is the Winter Morning Matinee. The movie is **ELF**.

Chino Hills Boat Parade is December 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. It was decided that the club would watch the parade as a group rather than participate.

The "Adopt a Family Program" has begun. Frances Downs has committed to match the first \$50 in donations. Members can donate either by purchasing a gift care or by adopting a family. This program is a tax donation, please note on your checks "donation, 55 plus, Adopt a Family". For further information, please contact Donna or Ron Forbes.

Information Officer: Sharon noted that Amazon Smile is increasing the donation rate from Oct 29 - Nov 2. So those who use Amazon should consider this a great time to purchase gifts.

Committee/Activity Groups:

A new Target Practice group is forming. The first meeting will be on November 10, 2018 at Prado Olympic Shooting Range. Attendees to meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Center parking lot and carpool.

This is a new group for those interested in pistol shooting. The closest range is Prado Olympic Shooting Park in Chino, but we may also visit the Riverside Indoor Shooting Range in Riverside. See the Activities Calendar for the next target practice event!

Veterans: Since Bruce has stepped down, George De Frank has taken the leadership role. Chuck Haeflinger presented for the Veterans' Monument fund for \$1,000. Thanks much Chuck!

Bingo: George provided the Bingo Group report and noted that volunteers are urgently needed. Bingo volunteer hours are 10:15 to 3:30 every Thursdays. Volunteers are needed for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays of the month. Please contact George for further information.

George noted that the Bingo club will be sponsoring our Christmas luncheon on December 14, 2018. This will be a catered event. A sign-up sheet is available in the back of the room.

Book club: Donna Forbes informed us that the next book read will be “Memoirs’ of an Imaginary Friend”. Pot luck will be held on December 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Renee’s house. Visitors may attend, please see Donna Forbes.

Book club meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Genealogy group: This group meets at Chino Hills Library at 10:00 a.m. till noon on the 4th Monday of the month.

Sunshine Committee: Loretta addressed the birthday members and wished them a Happy Birthday. This month’s anniversaries were also presented.

Quilting Group: Next meeting is November 14 at 10:00 a.m. Group meets second Monday of the month at the Community Center at 10:00 a.m.

50/50 Drawing: The winners were Rick MacDonald, Brett Benson and Debbie Keller. Each received \$14.00.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Lunch: The members were invited to meet at Jo Jo’s Restaurant in Chino Hills for lunch.

Next General Meeting: Friday, November 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judi Klecansky, Secretary