

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2018

At Chino Hills Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Susanne Baxter- Anderson, President, at 10:05 a.m. The theme of the meeting was Thanksgiving,

Officers Present: President Susanne Baxter -Anderson, Vice President Jane DeFrank, Treasurer Gail Smith, and Secretary Judi Klecansky.

Officers Absent: Webmaster/Information Officer Sharon Stuewe.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by JD Martinez.

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

President's Report:

Susanne welcomed all of our members, new members and visitors. We are having pot luck today to share Thanksgiving with our great members.

The "Make a Child Smile" event is on December 5, 2018 at Wal-Mart in Chino. Children selected by the school board will be selecting a gift. A signup sheet is in the back of the room.

She announced that we will be hearing about Pickleball today from Mike Orduno and about coin collecting today from Pat Montagne. There are also those who brought their crafts and hobbies to share.

She noted the new date for our December meeting which will be December 14, 2018. There was a signup sheet in the back. She needs a head count, so please contact George DeFrank if you are unable to make the meeting.

Vice President's Report: Jane started by sharing her vacation trip to Iceland. It was an amazing trip and she shared that all people should experience the Northern Lights!

Jane noted that a big thank you to Chuck Haeflinger is warranted for his remarks at the Veteran's breakfast last Friday. We have had really good comments.

The Veterans' December meeting has been moved to December 12, 2018 to accommodate the "Make a Child Smile" activity. The club also made a sizable donation to the "Let it Be" foundation.

We are very close to our goal for the Veteran's monument. We only have around \$6,000.00 to go. Your participation is welcomed and appreciated.

Jane noted that our Bingo group is catering our December meeting. Wood Ranch will be the caterer. The left-over wine from our Wine Tasting event will be served and the remaining wine at the end of the meeting will be sold.

She welcomed the members who brought in their craft and hobby items. Be sure to check out the items our talented members.

Our December program will be the movie; "White Christmas". This will be narrated to include the history of the actual filming of the movie, as well as the story, the history of the studio and antidotes about the actors.

An Omni Trans informational seminar will be held at the Chino Hills Community Center at 10:00 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 such as:

- Bus fees
- Travel information for Seniors
- Access ADA
- Transportation for residents with disabilities, and more

Please RSVP to (909) 364-2839 by Tuesday, November 27, 2018 to address your questions with Jane.

December events:

Sunday, December 2nd is the Annual Holiday Home Tour. The self-guided tour is from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with docents sharing your tour. A reception will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Chino Hills Community Center. Tickets are \$40 per person.

On Tuesday, December 4th, a Winter Morning Matinee will be hosted by the City of Chino Hills Community Center from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The movie is ELF. Coffee and pastries are available. Need to register at our community center by December 1, 2018.

On Sunday, December 9th the program "It's a Wonderful Life Christmas Carol" at our community center will be held at 4 p.m. This is a wonderful parody of the Christmas classics: "It's a Wonderful Life" and "A Christmas Carol". Tickets are \$10 per person.

Tuesday, December 11th is the Fireman's' Christmas Luncheon. It will be from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Doors open at 11:45. Must be a Chino Hills resident to attend. Tickets are \$5 each.

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.

Jane introduced a new idea for a fundraiser. Our first experience will be held at the December General Meeting with your interest. We are asking members to sign up to make their Christmas cookie or candy. Each person is encouraged to bring 4-6 dozen of the cookies or candy. The goodies will be set up for purchase. You will pay \$5 and receive a bag for cookies and pay another \$5 for candy and a plastic glove. You will walk along the goodies and make your selections. When your bag is full, you will have an assortment for your holiday parties. Purchases may be repeated, inventory depending until the goodies are gone. There will be gluten free and sugar free options available. A signup sheet is available at the back of the room. Your participation, in the form of bringing cookies or candy is appreciated to make this work.

Presentation: Pat Montagne provided a presentation. Pat has several hobbies and one of these is raising fruit trees. He noted that those fruits grown at home produce a much better flavor. Another hobby is collecting coins. Pat provided examples and key advice for doing this. He shared some of his adventures during the hobby learning process such as a significant loss of \$20K for not purchasing rated coins. A handbook and tips were explored and Pat recommended that it is a great hobby, and can be profitable as well. Thanks for the presentation Pat!

Activity: Renee Sylvia led the mixer activity. Of the nine tables, each table was given 30 nickels to play with and a list providing instructions as to what to do with your nickels. Coins were exchanged back and forth until the table members were “nickel less”. The table to do this first won a prize.

Treasurers Report: Gail presented the Board Member report for October, 2018. Gail reported the clubs previous bank balance as of September 29, 2018 was \$37,028.64. Deposits added were \$3,781.27. Checks cleared were in the amount of \$334.93. The ending bank balance as of October 31, 2018, was \$40,474.98. There were no outstanding checks this month and the Veteran’s Monument fund balance was \$37,149.86 which resulted in an adjusted club balance of \$3,325.12.

Pickleball presentation: Michael Orduno provided a history of pickleball. This sport started in 1965 when Washington congressman Joel Pritchard and Bill Bell his businessman friend devised the game by experimentation of the equipment on hand, and relieving boredom at Pritchard’s home in Bainbridge Island. The game was fine-tuned and then rules defined which developed Pickleball into a game which the whole family could play together. Since then Pickleball has grown in popularity. This sport continues to grow worldwide.

Here in Chino Hills, there are currently two pickleball courts. One is in Vellano, and the other is at Grand Ave. Sports Park.

For additional information, such as playing times, etc, please contact Michael Orduno at (818) 414-2406.

Miscellaneous: Jane announced that the book group is meeting Wednesday December 12th at 6:00 p.m.

We welcomed three new members to our club as well as two new visitors.

Loretta of our Sunshine club announced our monthly anniversaries and birthdays. We celebrated Alan and Betty Benson's anniversary as well as fifteen birthdays.

50/50 Drawing: The winners were Kathy Jackson, Susanne Baxter –Anderson, and Gloria Wilcox. Each received \$24.00

It was noted that there will be no Genealogy group meeting for December.

Lunch: Pot luck was held and a wonderful Turkey dinner was served. Kudos to all for their service in supporting this effort!

Craft and Hobbies: Members brought in many amazing examples of their crafts and hobbies. These crafts, including scrap booking and making custom dog biscuits were great and we congratulate our talented members.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Next General Meeting: Friday, December 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judi Klecansky, Secretary