

**Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2019
At Chino Hills Community Center**

Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Susanne Baxter-Anderson, President, at 10:08 a.m. The theme of the meeting was George Washington's birthday. In honor of George; Cherry pie is being served today.

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 George De Frank.

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

President's Report: In honor of Black History month, Susanne shared the story of Sarah Breedlove. Sarah was the first woman millionaire in the US. She was the first "freeborn child" of black origin. She was raised in an abusive family which she left when she was married at age 14. She started combining cosmetic ingredients while working with a pharmacist. She started making and selling cosmetic items to her friends. She did this door to door and then eventually it became a big business. She married her second husband TJ Walker. She was then called "Madame TJ Walker". She and her husband eventually sold and started a larger business which flourished. Congratulations to Madame TJ Walker, she started from the bottom and made it to the top!

Election Slate: Jane announced that this is our election day for the two positions of President, and Treasurer. She opened the floor to additional nominations. The nominations were closed without additional nominees. She reminded that all voting members must be a member in good standing for at least one month. The ballots were then passed out. Once you have your ballot, fill it out, and then initial the election roster when inserting the vote into the election box. Votes will be tallied and the new elected positions will be announced.

Both Susanne (President) and Maria (Treasurer) nominees presented a brief speech regarding their qualifications. A ten-minute break was taken for group discussions.

Treasurers Report: Gail started with her thanks for those she served as interim Treasurer. She then presented the Board Member report for January 2019. Gail reported the clubs previous bank balance as of January 1, 2019 was: \$44,739.21. Deposits added were \$3,364.30. Checks cleared were in the amount of \$412.19. The ending bank balance as January 1, 2019, was \$47,691.32. There were checks outstanding of \$271.76. The Veteran's Monument fund balance was \$43,887.33 which resulted in an adjusted club balance of \$3,532.23.

Mixer: Jane and George De Frank hosted our monthly mixer entitled "Unsung Heroes". The mixer was a pop quiz on matching US Presidents with their Vice Presidents. This was a hard one! The table who was able to match the most won a prize.

Vice Presidents Report: Jane addressed the parking issue with Ayala student and parents parking in the Chino Hills Community Center parking lot. She brought it up at the recent Chino Hills City Council meeting and our City Manager is working this issue.

Francis Downs is now our new Hospitality Chairperson. She will be coordinating our breakfast menus, so please see Francis if you plan to bring food items. Jane also reminded the members that the city charges for coffee and that your donations are welcomed in our distribution box. Jane offered kudos to the folks who made our recent Valentine Dance a success.

Our luncheon venue is Souplantation. Senior discounts are available.

Our March General Meeting theme will be "ET Abductions" and Tea Time. Our luncheon will be held at Limericks Irish Tavern.

A ping pong tournament was mentioned as an option. Those interested please advise Jane as we would need to reserve the table.

Outings: Outing planning has been suspended due to weather. The First Outing will be Santa Anita probably the first of April or May.

City Community Report: The Greased Lightning Prom is coming up! The date is April 12th from 6 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Our Chino Hills Recreation staff

has listened to our past comments and will be providing a DJ instead of an orchestra and will be playing music from the 60's, 70's, 80's and possible 90's. A food truck will be provided from The Habit. Tickets are \$15 each. Come dressed as you like, but formal prom attire is acceptable for those who want to.

Our city coordinator, Azelea Ramirez provided more information on the Greased Lightning prom dance and also an Adult Night Easter scramble, which will be held the same night at Community Park at 8:00 p.m. The Easter Night scramble is \$15 for CH residents and \$20 for others. Please bring a flashlight, as cell phones are not allowed. A flyer is in the back of the room for both events.

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 on each table. This newsletter also provides the dates and times for our various committees and activity groups.

Committees/ Activity Groups

Bingo Group: Rick MacDonald discussed our urgent need for more volunteers for our Thursday AM Bingo in the Barn. He noted that of the club's 140 members, only a 22% of members volunteer. The club needs volunteers for ongoing things almost always. A signup sheet is in the back of the room. Note: You may find that when you try it, you will enjoy it. It's fun!

Veterans Group: George presented good news as the club has made its mark for the Veterans Monument. We are cleared for the plot on the northwest corner of the Chino Hills Community Center. George added special thanks to Supervisor Curt Hagman and also the Chino Hills City Council for their donations.

On April 9, the presentation of our "big check" will be held at the City Council Meeting. We all are all very proud of this accomplishment.

Genealogy Group: Kathy Jackson reported that our next meeting will be at the Chino Hills Library from 10:00 to 12:00 AM. The meeting is held on the 4th Monday of the month.

Sunshine Committee: Yolanda Davidson presented recognition for the 14 February 2019 birthdays. Pictures were taken to commemorate. Our anniversary couples for February 2019 were Diane and Larry Hodel celebrating their 19th wedding anniversary; Sharon and Patrick Montagne celebrating their 53rd anniversary; and Fran and JD Martinez celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

Election results:

Jane announced the winners. Susanne Baxter-Anderson will remain President for another term. Maria Galvan-Gonzalez won the election for Treasurer. Congratulations to both of you!

50/50 Drawing: There were ticket sales for \$139.00. \$70.00 went to the club, and the balance of \$69.00 was split between Kat Walter, Gail Smith and Jeanette Benson. The winners each received \$23.00.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47p.m. and was followed by our luncheon at Souplantation.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judi Klecansky, Secretary