

**Chino Hills 55+ Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 24, 2020  
At  
Chino Hills Community Center**

**Officers Present:** President Susanne Baxter-Anderson, Treasurer, Maria Galvan-Gonzalez, Webmaster/Information Officer Sharon Stuewe and Secretary Judi Klecansky.

**Officers Absent:** Vice President Jane DeFrank

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Susanne Baxter-Anderson, President at 10:00 a.m. This meeting was Super Bowl and a soup pot luck celebration.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jim Gallagher

**Approval of Previous Month's Minutes:** The December 2019 General meeting minutes were approved as written and as posted on the website.

**Laughter, Happiness** George Lightholder is our Master of Humor for 2020. George presented several jokes to begin our meeting.

**Presidents Report:** Susanne began by speaking to the recent passing of one of our members, Gloria Wilcox. A moment was taken to honor her.

Susanne began with her overview of today's program. She stated that the Chinese New Year 2020 is the "Year of the Rat" and that is to be a very lucky year. She announced that George DeFrank will be speaking of the Veteran's Monument presentation and noted that the entire process had been comparable to having a baby in the Monument's conception watching it grow and be turned over.

George DeFrank came up and did a presentation and an overview of the Monument Celebration complete with photos. We are all very proud of all the clubs work on this amazing thing.

Susanne mentioned that this monument put the senior people of Chino Hills on the map. Since the time this process started our senior demographic was around 6% to 8%. Now at the completion and turnover our demographic is 13%.

**Treasurer's Report:** Maria Galvan-Gonzalez presented the Board Member report/club financials for December 2019.

Previous bank balance as of November 30, 2019:	\$13,176.32
Additions/Deposits added:	+ \$184.31
Checks cleared (deducted):	-\$2,798.90
Ending bank balance as of December 31, 2019:	\$10,561.73
Subtraction: Checks outstanding:	- \$300.00
Subtraction -Veterans Monument Fund	\$6,409.32
Adjusted club balance December 31, 2019	\$ 3,852.41

Maria ended with a big cheer for her Super bowl Team, "Yea 49ers".

**Nominations Committee:** As we will be electing a new Vice President and Secretary this February, Susanne reviewed the qualification conditions for nominated candidates. First, you must be a member in good standing and not be serving on another board. In addition, you must be at this and our next meeting.

Nominations were opened up for the Vice President position. Melba Aranda, Jim Gallagher and Rick Mac Donald were nominated.

Both Jim Gallagher and Rick Mac Donald were both disqualified as they were already part of another board. Melba Aranda accepted her nomination. There were no additional nominations for the Secretary Position, and Judi Klecansky, the incumbent accepted the nomination for another term.

The formal nomination, voting, and acceptance will be at the February general meeting. For this meeting, all elected persons are to provide a three to five - minute presentation of their qualifications.

**Mixer/Activity:** Renee Sylvia started our activity by wishing all a Happy 2020. The mixer game was called "Poppin, left, right and center". We formed tables by assigned numbers. Once seated with our table we were to:

1. Review the instructions for this game
2. Each table was provided a cup and three dice.
3. Each participant was provided a bag of popcorn
4. As the participant rolled the dice, they followed instructions on where to pass their popcorn and dice.
5. The winner was the only one at the table who still had a popcorn bag.

6. The prizes for the winners were bags of popcorn

A fun time was had by all! A break was held for socialization, etc.

### **Vice President's Report:**

As Jane was not at the meeting, Susanne addressed our new "Random Acts of Kindness" program for 2020. This program will be ongoing and address Core Values, such as courage, caring, integrity, inclusiveness, respect and responsibility. Six additional themes will be covered as well, including happiness, love, self-care, resilience, gratitude and celebration. A quotation was cited from Dalai Lama which states; "HAPPINESS IS NOT SOMETHING READY MADE. IT COMES FROM YOUR OWN ACTIONS".

Susanne noted that we all should be generous with your words today – and say positive things to yourself and others. We can think back to something you did as a child that made you happy and do it today or share your experience with someone. We should give someone the gift of our ear today by just listening, and share with them your love and appreciation. A blue note was taken by the members and was to be held until the ending of the meeting. Each note contained a suggestion to share your happiness with others.

Wayne Skaggs announced a free tax preparation program which is being offered by AARP. This program will be taking place at our Chino Hills Community Center in the Cypress room. The program will be offered every Friday starting on February 14 through April 10, 2020. The hours will be from 9 a.m. until noon. No appointments are necessary, but a list is available for signup. Those interested should bring; a photo identification, Social Security card, W2 forms and a personal check for bank routing information on returns, etc. For further information, please call 605/549-5168.

Susanne announced that we had several new visitors and announced their names and welcomed them. We also welcomed three new members; Rosa Williams, Phoebe Frankeberger and Joe Klecansky.

### **Community/Activity Groups**

**Community Report:** Our Chino Hills representative Melissa noted that on tomorrow (January 25) there will be a Health and Wellness Fair at CHCC. A Farmer's Market is starting up on Wednesday February 12, 2020 and will be held weekly starting at 3:30 and ending at 7:30 p.m. in the Shoppes of Chino Hills. She also noted some upcoming city events:

- On March 13, 2020 at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. will be our “Walk in the Park” event. Registration is necessary before and participants will meet at CHCC. Booths will be available and will include sign up and information for city activity groups.
- On April 3, 2020 will be an “Easter Egg Scramble” which is for adults 18 and over and will start at 6 p.m. at the park adjacent to the CHCC.
- On April 22, 2020 there are plans for a “Senior Sock Hop”. Further details will be provided as available.

### **Club Activity Groups:**

**Veterans Group:** George DeFrank thanked all for their hard work and support. Their next meeting will be on February 5, 2020. He announced that the club will be offering bricks again in the future. Details and dates are to be determined. He noted that now that the Monument is a Chino Hills City asset, the group will have to be working with them on the sales.

**Bingo Group:** George noted that there are volunteers needed for the games and to see him if interested. Bingo games are on Thursdays at the Barn and start at 12:30 p.m.

**Book Group:** Donna Forbes announced that the “Caring for the Hills” effort during 2019 made \$250 and cited a fantastic year. The club received a nice card from Ned Rogers. This program is looking for volunteers for this year as well. Sharon Stuewe will post information on our website.

Donna Forbes announced the book for the month for February 2020 and invited all interested to participate. Meetings are on the third Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The next meeting is February 20, 2020.

**Genealogy Group:** Kathy Jackson stated that the meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. The next meetings are January 27 and February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Chino Hills Library. Please bring library card for admission.

**Sunshine Group:** Loretta Szudy announced that Chuck Haeflinger had received all of his get well cards and thanks us. Thirteen birthdays for the month were announced. Those who were in attendance stood and the club sang Happy Birthday to them. A picture was taken to commemorate. Our anniversaries were: Maria and Jesse Gonzales (1/18/2019) and George and Jane DeFrank (1/26/1985).

**Other Entertainment and events:** Sharon Stuewe will be hosting a cookie decorating class on March 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at CHCC. The cookies will be supplied and the cost is \$5 per person for decoration supplies. There is a signup sheet in the back.

Melba Aranda is heading up movie and other entertainment venues for our members. She is collecting deposits now for those who wish to see the play; "The Book of Mormon". She needs a total of 10 persons to participate.

The movie event; "Harkins and Happy Hour" is an ongoing effort. Those interested should contact Melba Aranda. Other events can be discussed for future outings as well. There will be signup sheets as available.

**50/50 Drawing:** Kathy Jackson hosted this drawing. The Club sold tickets totaling \$107. The winners of the drawings were Jim Gallagher, Yolanda Davidson and George DeFrank.

**Random Acts of Kindness - (continued from VP Report)**

Susanne had all members open the blue notes they were provided previously. Each note had a goal for ways to share happiness with others. As we opened them we were to practice our annotated kindness this day and share happiness.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m. The "Souper Bowl" potluck was held afterwards. Lots of great offerings!

**Next General Meeting:**

Our next General Meeting will be on Friday, February 28, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judi Klecansky, Secretary