

**Chino Hills 55+ Club**  
**General Meeting Minutes Friday July 24, 2020**  
**Held Virtually on ZOOM**

**Socialization:** The Chino Hills Community Center has been closed since February 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, the ZOOM session started at 9:30 a.m. to accommodate long overdue socialization. There were 43 members who logged in. It was an awesome time to meet up with members who have been sheltering in place, etc.

**Call to Order:** The General Meeting started with the theme song from; “Welcome Back Kotter”. The meeting was called to order by Susanne Baxter-Anderson, President at 10:00 a.m. This meeting was the first general meeting since the election of our new Vice President, Melba Aranda in February 2020.

**Approval of Previous Month’s Minutes:** Our last General meetings minutes in February 2020 were approved as written and as posted on the website.

**Officers Present:** President Susanne Baxter-Anderson, Newly elected Vice President, Melba Aranda, Treasurer, Maria Galvan-Gonzalez, Secretary Judi Klecansky and Webmaster/Information Officer Sharon Stuewe. Our former Vice President, Jane DeFrank was honored for her excellent service.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Susanne Baxter-Anderson.

**Presentation - Melba Aranda, Vice President:** Our newly elected Vice President was available for a limited time due to a personal appointment. Susanne welcomed and introduced her for her initial presentation as Vice President.

She introduced herself and noted that she was very grateful to participate as VP of our club. She is now embarking on a new experience and is excited.

**Membership:** She covered the current membership drive and noted that the club has many exciting plans for the future. She encouraged members to renew and “enjoy the ride.”

**Planned Activities:** She is planning that the club, will be a “new club experience” due to the changes to our community since COVID She noted that our meetings will most likely look like today’s and be held in ZOOM until further notice. Her shared and envisioned experience highlighted staying connected,

both electronically and by communications in general between members. It will be a little bit different, but the groups will be meeting by Zoom and as worked out between us. Restrictions currently in place apply and stressed togetherness and being safe.

**City/Community Report:** Our new Chino Hills Community Center points of contact were introduced. Michael Adams and Sean Morse each provided an overview of the CHCC status and their functions.

Michael noted the current opening date for CHCC was just moved to 9/7/2020. Once opened, being safe and social distancing will be a priority. They seem to be open to outdoor activities but any events and activities will be limited at first.

Sean is our new representative in charge of new programs. He has come over from CH Youth Programs and is excited to be here. He announced that Bingo, run by the recreation department will be coming back on 8/11/2020. There will be an email advisory by the end of July 2020. Other plans are to look into contests, craft groups, movie nights. For further information or events, please contact either Michael Adams or Sean Morse at the Chino Hills City Website.

**Veterans Day celebrations:** Due to the pandemic, social distancing, etc. there will not be a physical celebration this year. Instead the City is posting a Veterans Day slide show on the CH City website. Veterans are invited to post their information on the website and the city plans to post signs in front of veterans who sign up. The city is also looking into drive up events.

**Laughter, Happiness:** George Lightholder is our Master of Humor for 2020. George presented several great jokes to liven up our meeting. So good to hear George again!

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

**July Random Acts of Kindness:** Susanne noted that our July Random Acts of Kindness subject is "Responsibility". This subject is a reminder that we should always "hold ourselves responsible". The quote featured for this is Anne Frank's: "The final forming of a Person's Character Lies in their own hands."

Susanne suggested three changes of routine that can help facilitate this;

1. Make three (3) changes in your routine
2. Make time for a special person you have been putting off lately
3. Remind yourself that you are doing the best you can.

**Anniversary – State of the Club:** 2020 is the seventh anniversary of our club. Susanne noted that our accomplishments were the completion of the Veterans Monument and election of our new Vice President in February. **Brett Benson;** Our beloved Brett Benson passed in June 2020. In honor, the club had donated \$100 in his name to the “Caring for the Hills foundation”.

**Where we are today:** The club has not had a general meeting since February 2020. We are finally coming to ground by starting these meetings again via ZOOM. Membership drive is ongoing, and the club needs to revive and flourish.

**Sharon Stuewe, Information Office/Webmaster:** Susanne noted that somehow the nomination for our Webmaster/Information Officer Sharon Stuewe had been somehow overlooked. She made the motion to nominate Sharon to continue in the roll. This motion was approved by a showing of hands by attending members.

**Bylaws: COVID/ Emergency meeting task force:** The club needs to update our Bylaws to include emergency procedures, such as the current pandemic. Sharon Stuewe has offered to head up a task force. If interested in supporting this, please contact Sharon.

**Program: Medicare Fraud Alert:** Susanne presented a posting of the latest Medicare Fraud Alert. The key point is that we should never provide personal information to strangers. Remember, Medicare will never phone you to request this information. This Medicare Fraud Alert is posted on the Club website. Be aware, if you need Medicare information, you should be the one to contact them!

**Treasurer’s Report:** Maria Galvan-Gonzalez presented the Board Member report/club financials for June 2020.

Previous bank balance as of May 31, 2020	\$ 7,750.89
Additions/Deposits added:	+ \$ 758.63
Checks cleared (deducted):	- \$ 44.53
Ending bank balance as of June 30, 2020	\$ 8,464.99
Subtraction: Checks outstanding:	\$-0-
Subtraction -Veterans Monument Fund	\$4,392.63
Adjusted club balance June 30, 2020	\$4,072.36

Maria reminded our members to utilize the Amazon Smile program when ordering products from Amazon.

## **Committees/Activity Groups:**

**Veterans Group:** George requested that Maria provide a current copy of the balance on this account. Maria will provide to George on line shortly.

George DeFrank provided a status update. We are beginning to sell bricks again for the Veterans Monument. There are discussions of placing an American flag by the monument, but coordination with the city is ongoing. The next meeting on ZOOM will be on August 5, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. For ZOOM information please contact George De Frank.

**Scrapbooking and Card making:** Debbie Keller showed a copy of one the cards the group has created in their last meeting. The group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month on ZOOM. Interaction is welcomed and those interested in joining should contact Kathy Jackson.

**Genealogy Group:** These meetings are held in ZOOM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. For further information please contact Kathy Jackson.

**Book Group:** Diane Stone provided an update and noted the book is called "The Address". The next meeting will be hosted on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Renee Sylvia's home and on ZOOM.

**Quilting Group:** The group recently completed their first ZOOM meeting hosted by Jane De Frank and Sharon Stuewe. The group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month on ZOOM. If interested, please contact Jane or Sharon.

**Sunshine Committee:** Loretta Szudy presented the birthdays for July 2020. There were nine birthdays announced. Those who were in attendance were honored via ZOOM.

There were four anniversaries for July 2020 which are noted below:

- Ricky and Casey Cecala – 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 3
- Donna and Ron Forbes – 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 3
- Tessie and George Lightholder – 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on July 9<sup>th</sup>
- LaForest and Victor Weaver – 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 19

Congratulation and we are honored to share with you all!

**Activity:** Our activity was trivia questions, and was hosted by Sharon Stuewe. The group reviewed ten questions (5 questions at a time). The answers were provided and those who had correct answers were honored on line. The De Franks had seven out of the ten questions!

Susanne also showed our new mascot's picture in honor of the pandemic. This mascot was a raccoon who always wears a mask, compulsively washes hands and the letters rearranged spell "CORONA" He is a cutie!

**.Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

**Next General Meeting:**

Our next General Meeting will be on August 28, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM. Information to log in will be provided prior to the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judi Klecansky, CPM

Secretary