

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes Friday October 23, 2020
Held Virtually on ZOOM

Socialization: We all tried to get on early for socialization. This was started 9:45 and ended 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susanne Anderson at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The group followed with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rick MacDonald

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: Our last General meetings minutes from September 2020 were approved as written and as posted on the website.

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

Master of Humor: Charter Member George Lightholder entertained us all with his great jokes.

Charity Updates/ Fundraising:

Charter Member George De Frank provided an overview of the Veterans Club.

Frances Downs provided updated information and requested donations for the Adopt-a-Family Program. The program, sponsored by Chino Hills ends on November 27, 2020.

Chuck Haeflinger addressed the recycling program. He needs glass, aluminum cans and plastic. Donations can be made at the Veteran's Monument Site either Saturday October 24, or Saturday October 31 between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

President Report: Susanne noted that the club is working on fund-raising. The club will be selling 55+ Club masks shortly. Jane DeFrank is making them and the price will be \$15/each. If interested, contact Susanne or Jane.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Ron Forbes at the Calvary Chapel in Chino Hills today (October 23) at 3:00 p.m. A reception is to follow at the Forbes home.

Vice Presidents Report: Melba provided the status of new and returning members and thanked them for their support. Membership is currently up to about 70%.

Melba is working on fundraising ideas for the end of the year. We are also hoping we can get an informal luncheon together in the 2nd week of November 2020. It would be by interest only and not a formal club event. Melba noted that our Guest Speaker Eric. R. Galvin is running late and will be inserted when he is with us. Eric will be speaking to us on the subject of Homelessness.

City/Community Report: Sean Morse from the CHCC gave us an update on current happenings for Chino Hills. Events scheduled or pending are:

- Concert in Car – Elton John tribute band November 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- Virtual Bingo – only 5 slots left! See Sean or CH website to sign up.
- Veterans Breakfast – CHCC November 11, 2020 9:00 a.m. Veterans are Free.
- Veterans Day videos are available on Chino Hills City website
- Considering a Christmas luncheon – will probably be a drive through- Details to follow
- Crafting – looking into options for the City. Members are encouraged to provide Sean feedback.
- Veterans Sign Campaign -Signs are to be posted in featured Veterans yard within 1- 2 weeks.

Treasurer's Report: Maria presented the following financials for September. Note: Finance Committee Members are now on board and reviewing financial documents. This is done prior to Board approval.

Maria Galvan-Gonzalez presented the Board Member report/club financials for September 2020.

Previous bank balance as of August 31 2020	\$ 7,750.70
Additions/Deposits added:	+ \$ 789.86
Checks cleared (deducted):	\$ -0-
Ending bank balance as of September 30, 2020	\$ 8, 540.56
Subtraction: Checks outstanding:	\$ 29.18

Subtraction -Veterans Monument Fund	\$4,420.96
Adjusted club balance September 30, 2020	\$4,090.42

Maria reminded all shoppers to keep the Amazon Smile program in mind.

Maria is obtaining final signatures today for our new annual Bingo license.

Guest Speaker: Melba introduced our Guest Speaker Eric Gavin of the Open Door Program. He addressed the following in his presentation “Helping to End Homelessness:”

- Background – worked for HUD Upland and Fontana programs
- Who are the Homeless? Drugs, mental illness and low income
- Chino Hills currently reports 2 homeless persons.
- California is #1 in the nation for Homeless population- #1 reason: high real estate prices based on: a) Less margin for error; b) weaker family support; c) longer commutes d) sickness; e) fragile economic positions
- Resource centers are in work – need more
- We need to be prepared – inc. local police involvement
- Questions and Answers (Q & A)

In summary: Each city should advocate for our homeless and strive to help.

Webmaster Information Officer Report: Sharon Stuewe presented the final version of the updated clubs’ Bylaws and Standing rules. These were reviewed by members and accepted by the voters.

Activity: Renee Sylvia presented our monthly activity. The subject was famous Vacation sites. 20 Pictures were presented and the members were to identify the locations. Upon comparing, the maximum of correct answers was 19 and the winner was Jim Gallagher. Congratulations Jim!

Committees/Activity Groups: Various speakers addressed their status in the following activities:

- Chuck Haeflinger – Recycle Program
- Frances Downs – Adopt-a-Family Program
- George De Frank – Veteran’s Group status and projects
- Sharon Stuewe- Quilting Group
- Kathy Jackson – Genealogy Group
- Debbie Keller – Card Making Group

- Renee Sylvia – Book Club
- Meeting times are noted on the 55+ club website as well as contact information.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Loretta Szudy presented the September birthdays and Anniversaries

- There were 10 birthdays announced
- There were 3 anniversaries

Salvador and Sylvia Avila – 39th anniversary – October 10

Alwen and Bill Jones-61st anniversary – October 17

Mary Menkes and David Elson – October 17

The members all sang “Happy Birthday” to the presented birthdays. Loretta also noted that the Sunshine Club can help by sending cards, etc to those in need.

Adjournment:

Susanne advised closing remarks to all. The meeting adjourned at 12:04 a.m.

Next General Meeting:

Our next General Meeting will be on Friday November 20, 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