

**Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2021
Chino Hills Community Center**

Officers Present:

President Jane DeFrank, Treasurer Andrea Welch, Webmaster/Information Officer Sharon Stuewe, and Vice President Sally Baca.

Immediate Past President Susanne Baxter-Anderson and Secretary Judi Klecansky were absent.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Jane DeFrank, President, at 10:09 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sal Avila.

The previous month's minutes were approved as written and as posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report:

Andrea Welch presented the Board Member report/club financials, reviewed by the Finance Committee, for July 2021:

Previous bank balance as of June 30, 2021		\$27,323.71
Additions - Deposits	+	\$5,292.00
Subtractions - Checks cleared	-	\$6,627.14
Ending bank balance as of July 30, 2021		\$25,988.57
Subtractions - Checks outstanding	-	\$1,500.00
Subtractions - Veterans Monument Fund	-	\$22,345.79
Adjusted Account Balance as of July 31, 2021		\$2,142.78

City Report:

Sean Morse, Acting City of Chino Hills Active Adult Coordinator, reported on upcoming senior events.

- Line Dance luncheon, Wednesday, September 29, with food from The Habit
- Salute to Service for veterans, Wednesday, November 10

Sean also mentioned the following:

- Approximately 50 attended the ice cream social held in August.
- The flag pole installation at the Veterans Monument will be upcoming, hopefully by Veterans Day.
- The Active Adults 50+ Newsletter is available at the Chino Hills Community Center (CHCC) front desk.

President's Report:

Jane DeFrank addressed the following items:

- The Craft group will restart to create items for the monthly meetings and the firemen's luncheon in December.
- The club observes COVID-19 protocols. In the event of a COVID-19 incident, local drive-through testing is available, free, and provides results within a few days. If club member is COVID-19 positive and has been to a club gathering recently, the club requests the member contact the group leader. If a member receives a call of close contact, test within 2-5 days, isolate for 10-14 days, and avoid other locations where infection may be transmitted.
- Gorgeous grandma day, celebrated last month, claims average age of grandmas is 48. This age was clarified as a nationwide age, not the club age.
- Just Because day was celebrated during the meeting with a review of famous birthdays and events from history.
- The club's next outing will be a trip to the Bowers Museum for "The Gift of Los Angeles Memories in Watercolor" by Gayle Garner Roski, followed by lunch. A sign-up sheet is available.
- The Veterans group set up a display on the back table of commendations that were received from the monument dedication held January 2020.

Vice President's Report:

Sally Baca addressed the group regarding membership. Currently, the club has 135 registered members, 102 paid dues, 33 unpaid dues. Several renewals were received today. Sally acknowledged the day's visitors and introduced the meeting's speakers.

Guest Speakers:

Nancy Annotti, Branch Manager of the James S. Thalman Chino Hills Library, San Bernardino County, gave a presentation to the club.

The library strives to serve the community with 32 county branches, programs for seniors 55+, volunteer opportunities, adult book club, mature drivers education, book sales and donation opportunities through Friends of the Library, and two veterans resource groups. Nancy directed club members to review the website at www.sbcounty.gov.

Christine Charland from the Pomona Valley chapter of Habitat for Humanity addressed the club.

California is served by 30 chapters throughout the state. The local chapter has built 40 homes and will be building two more for veterans soon. In addition, they also provide maintenance and projects through their Brush of Kindness group for older and lower income recipients. They sponsor charity events such as the golf tournament to be held soon locally. People can contribute or sponsor at several levels. Building materials left over and donated items can be bought from a resale store/Home Improvement Thrift Store in Montclair. Volunteers are welcome.

At the end of Christine's presentation, George DeFrank, representing the Veterans group of the club, presented a check for \$1500 to Christine for the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Club Committees and Activity Groups Reports

Veterans Group:

George DeFrank reported the following:

- The funding for the flag pole has been completed and presented to the City. The group anticipates installation by the Veterans Day event.
- Brick sales for 2021 have been closed. Costs for installation will be gathered.
- The group gave \$1500 to the Chino post of the American Legion.
- The group gave \$1500 to the Pomona Valley chapter of Habitat for Humanity (as noted above).
- The Chino post of the American Legion is celebrating a WWII 100th birthday September 26.

Rick MacDonald reported on an upcoming trip to San Diego to tour the U.S.S. Midway Aircraft Carrier. He cautioned that the tour will require a lot of walking. Rick gave details:

- The date of the trip is Wednesday, October 13 (meet at 8; tour open 10 – 4); lunch after.
- The tour is \$18 for veterans, \$22 for seniors.
- Carpool drivers are needed; passengers are \$17 for trip and parking.
- A sign-up sheet is available.

Maria Galvin-Gonzales reported for Jessie Gonzales. Recycling is now being taken to Diamond Bar. Members should call Jessie for recycling donations.

The next Veterans meeting will be the first Wednesday of the month, September 1, at 9:30 a.m. at CHCC.

Bingo:

George DeFrank reported that Bingo, which is the primary fundraiser for the club, restarted July 1 with good participation and attendance. Volunteers are still needed for sales, equipment pickup, canteen, shutdown and storage.

Bingo is every Thursday at 11:30 at the McCoy Equestrian Center.

Happy Hour and Movie Group:

Sharon Stuewe reported for Melba Aranda. The next happy hour will be Friday, October 29, at 3 p.m., at Luchador's with a Halloween theme and costumes encouraged.

Book Club:

Sally Baca announced the next meeting will be Thursday, September 16, at 10 a.m. at CHCC, the book will be *The Last Thing He Told Me*, and the hostess will be Donna Hilding. The October meeting hostess will be Carolyn Robb.

Scrapbooking and Card Making Group:

Debbie Keller announced the next meeting will be Monday, September 20, at 9 a.m. at CHCC; and the theme will be fall/Halloween.

Quilting Group:

Jane DeFrank announced that the group will meet twice per month now, the second and fourth Mondays. Next month's meetings will be September 13 and 27, at 9 a.m.-12, at CHCC.

Genealogy Group:

Kathy Jackson announced that the group will meet Monday, September 27, at 10 a.m.-12 at the Chino Hills Library. Use of Ancestry.com is free. The Family History Center (FHC) in Covina will be opening soon.

Sunshine Committee:

Loretta Szudy announced the anniversaries and the birthdays in August. She called those with birthdays in attendance to the front of the room where they received a gift. Club members sang "Happy Birthday," and a photo was taken for the website.

Hospitality Group:

Frances Downs reported on the following items:

- Volunteers are needed to provide store-bought food for club meetings. A sign-up sheet is available.
- The Adopt-a-Family project has started for this year. Frances will match the single, highest donation given each month, up to \$100, until total donations are delivered in December.

50/50 Drawing:

The club sold tickets totaling \$142.

The winners of the drawings were Loretta Szudy, Debi Hernandez, and Fran Martinez; each received \$23.

The club earned \$73.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Next General Meeting:

Friday, September 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the CHCC.

Members who wish to still attend via Zoom rather than in person should contact Sharon Stuewe.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Shirley Kondek
(substituting for Judi Klecansky, Secretary)