

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2022
Chino Hills Community Center

Officers Present

The officers present were President Jane DeFrank, Vice President, Debi Hernandez, Treasurer Andrea Welch, Information Officer, Sharon Stuewe, Secretary, Judy MacDonald, and former President, Susanne Anderson.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Jane DeFrank, at 10:10 am. Dennis Frankeberger led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the February 25, 2022, General Meeting were posted on the website. A motion to approve was made by Donna Forbes and seconded by Marjorie Fair-Dominguez. Minutes were approved.

City Report

Jake Velasco, the Chino Hills Community Services Coordinator, was in attendance and reflected on a recent seniors' coffee and donuts event which was well received. In addition, Jake shared ideas for future senior gatherings, such as an ice cream social, and a live music event.

Jake then introduced Breanna Higgins, (Bree), the new Chino Hills Active Adults Coordinator. Bree has been with the City for five years and has been working at the Chino Hills Community Center (CHCC) since June of 2021.

Bree commented on the following City of Chino Hills events.

- “Easter Egg-Citement” will take place on Saturday, April 16, at the Chino Hills Community Park from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. An egg hunt and craft fair will be offered, and the Easter Bunny will make an appearance. Registration is not required for this event.
- Instructions for bird house building will be available at “Crafts & Creations”, led by Active Adults 50+, on Wednesday, April 13, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the CHCC. Registration is \$15.00 per person at the CHCC.
- Bree mentioned the Chino Hills Puzzle Swap which is in the Willow Room at the CHCC. Puzzles can be dropped off and shared by others or borrowed and returned.
- Free Covid-19 Vaccination Events are taking place every Tuesday in March from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the McCoy Equestrian & Recreation Center.

Additional brochures and flyers on these and other events are available near the front desk at the CHCC.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Andrea Welch, shared highlights of the income and expenses of the last three months.

- \$264.00 from the 50/50 drawings.
- \$92.00 from recycling.
- The Amazon Smile program proceeds were not yet available.

In expenses, \$1,250.00 was spent by the Veterans Club for brick installation at the Veterans Monument.

The current, quarterly financial report is as follows:

Previous Bank Statement Balance – January 31, 2022	\$30,222.63
Additions – Deposits	\$163.00
Subtractions – Checks Cleared	- \$208.29
Ending Bank Statement Balance – February 28, 2022	\$30,177.34
Subtractions – Checks Outstanding	\$0.00
Subtractions – Veterans Monument Fund	-\$26, 924.75
Adjusted Account Balance	\$3,252.59

Information Officer Report

Sharon Stuewe thanked the following Standing Rules Committee members for their assistance: Susan Adalco, Sal Avila, Melba Brown, and Donna Hilding. Some of the proposed changes to the Standing Rules and Bylaws will be voted on at the next General Meeting on April 22. Some of those proposals are:

- The title of Webmaster/Information Officer, currently held by Sharon Stuewe, would be changed to Web Administrator.
- The Historical Committee, which has been under the direction of the Secretary, would now be under the supervision of the Web Administrator.
- Club dues would be raised from the current \$12.00 per year to \$15.00 per year.

- Beginning July 1, 2022, the Treasurer's Report will be submitted quarterly instead of monthly.
- Remove the Section D of the VI Financials. It has been determined that the Club, due to its 501c-3 status, is not required to have an independent audit of the financials.

Additional information regarding proposed changes to Club documents can be found on the 55+ Club website by accessing "About the Club", followed by "Club Documents".

President's Report

Jane DeFrank presented the following information.

- Prices for Club badges will be increased to \$8.00, beginning July 1, 2022, due to our supplier raising their prices.
- Jane will be compiling a list of volunteer opportunities in our Club. In addition, she will be contacting members who are not currently volunteering and proposing areas where they could be of service.
- The "Kids Art Exploration Day" will take place at The Shoppes on Saturday, March 26, at 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Several members of our Club will be helping.
- The 10th anniversary of the 55+ Club will take place July 13, 2023. Susanne Anderson will be chairperson and will be recruiting volunteers to make it a very special celebration. If you are interested in helping, please contact Susanne. Jane promises that it will be "BIG"!
- A Tri-County Sheriff's Forum will take place at Chino Airport on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The sheriffs will be discussing current events affecting residents, business owners and visitors, and taking questions about public safety concerns. Registration is required.

Today's Theme

Jane offered an interesting talk about Leonard Nimoy who was born on March 26, 1931.

- Leonard is primarily known for his portrayal of Mr. Spock on Star Trek, but he had a busy acting career in Westerns prior to that time.
- Many are not aware that Leonard introduced Star Trek followers to the "Live long and prosper" Vulcan salute, which is based on a gesture in the Jewish faith and coincides with the quote, "Peace and long life".
- Sadly, Leonard passed away in 1984.
- At Jane's invitation, many members at the meeting exhibited their abilities to display their own Vulcan salutes.

The Veterans received a proclamation from The City of Chino Hills in recognition of Vietnam War Veterans' Day, which is March 29.

Jane spoke of her pride for her husband, George DeFrank, who served in Vietnam during the war, and her mother, who served during World War II.

She shared a recent event at a restaurant, wherein George was treated to dinner by a woman to thank him for his service. George was especially touched because veterans were not welcomed home after serving in Vietnam.

Jane and the Club members recognized our vets and thanked all of them for their service.

Vice President's Report

Debi Hernandez reiterated Jane's comments about the need for more volunteers. She mentioned that our Club is primarily about socialization, and that volunteering brings us together, and helps us bond with each other.

Two new members signed up at the meeting, Sharon Moore and Mary McCarthy, who has rejoined us after an absence from the Club. In addition, we had two visitors.

Jokemeister

George Lightholder returned to provide some much-needed laughs for us all.

Lunch

Following the close of the meeting, lunch will be enjoyed at Chili's.

Something Special

Lou Alfonso brought an assortment of flowers for all to enjoy from "Caring for the Hills".

Presentation

Susanne Anderson gave a presentation about William Shakespeare entitled, "Shakespeare Boring? You Don't Know Shakespeare". She spoke of her love for his writing after reading one of his books, years ago.

Susanne shared details about the prolific author, including where he lived, his marriage to Ann Hathaway, his children, and his many works.

Many of us were not aware of his humorous side, so Susanne distributed a "Shakespeare Insult Kit" which we all enjoyed. We were surprised to see how many of his phrases and words are used in our culture today.

New Singles Club

Donna Forbes and Suzy Nicolin presented details about the new and forthcoming "Singles Group". The club would be limited to those active 55+ Club members who are single or divorced, or who have lost a spouse.

The purpose of the group is to plan and attend social events together, make new friendships, and bring in new Club members. Activities such as bowling, wine tasting, playing cards, and attending concerts, movies, and sports venues, would be considered. A sign in sheet was circulated.

Veterans Group

George DeFrank shared details about Vietnam Vets Recognition Day at March Air Reserve Base (March ARB) in Riverside County. The date of the event has been revised from Tuesday, March 29, to Saturday, March 26, and begins at 3:00 pm.

A trip to the March Air Museum will take place on Tuesday, March 29 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Carpoolers will gather at the CHCC at 10:00 am.

The next Veterans meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1st.

A flag that had flown over the Capitol was presented to the Veterans Group by Representative, Young Kim. Where the flag would be displayed is yet to be decided.

Bingo

Bingo's sixth anniversary was recently celebrated with a delicious theme cake at "The Barn". George recalled how the bingo winnings have grown over the years, and how much attendance has increased.

Happy Hour

Melba Aranda was not in attendance for today's meeting, consequently, Jane informed the members that Melba is planning a Cinco de Mayo happy hour. Melba will be at the next meeting and will share the details at that time.

Book Club

Renee Silvia shared that the next Book Club meeting would take place on Thursday, April 21, at 10:00 am, and will be hosted by Victoria Casso at the CHCC. The book that will be discussed is, "Sold on a Monday" by Kristina McMorris. The book for May will be "Run, Rose, Run" by Dolly Parton and James Patterson. Gary Larson will host the meeting

Crafts Group

Jane mentioned that, because Good Friday occurs on Friday, April 15, the date of the next crafts meeting may need to be revised. She will send an email to all members with details and a new date, if needed.

The next craft will be based on "Earth Day".

Scrapbooking and Card Making Group

Debbie Keller noted that the next meeting will be Monday, April 18. Anyone interested in joining this group is asked to give Kathy Jackson your email address so that you can be notified of future events.

Quilting Group

The meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Sage Room at the CHCC. Sharon Stuewe and Jane De Frank will be teaching the classes. Jane was pleased to announce that a new member recently joined after completing a beginners' course.

Genealogy Group

Kathy Jackson announced that the group will meet on Monday, March 28, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Chino Hills Library.

Recycling

Members should call Jesse Gonzalez for recycling donations or questions.

Hospitality

Frances Downs mentioned that three members will bring snacks for the next meeting. Those members are Richard Ortiz, Sanaa Abdelgawad, and Susan Horn. Frances will send reminders one week in advance of the next meeting.

Sunshine Committee

Loretta announced thirteen birthdays for the month of March. Photos were taken and "Happy Birthday" was sung to all.

Susanne and Glen Anderson celebrated four years of marriage on March 17. A photo from their wedding day and a current photo were displayed on the overhead screen.

Photos of Jeanette and Brett Benson were shown in remembrance of what would have been their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

50/50 Drawing

The Club sold tickets totaling \$134.00 and earned \$68.00. The winners, Jim Gallagher, George DeFrank, and Duncan Robb, each received \$22.00.

Next General Meeting

The next meeting will be Friday, April 22, 2022, at 10:00 am at CHCC.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy MacDonald, Secretary