

**Chino Hills 55+ Club**  
General Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 2022  
Chino Hills Community Center

**Officers Present**

The officers present were President, Jane DeFrank, Treasurer, Andrea Welch, Web Administrator, Sharon Stuewe, Secretary, Judy MacDonald, and Immediate Past President, Susanne Anderson. Vice President, Debi Hernandez, was not in attendance.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President, Jane DeFrank, at 10:08 am. George DeFrank led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the March 25, 2022, General Meeting were posted on the website. A motion to approve was made by Sharon Stuewe and seconded by Melba Aranda. Minutes were approved.

**City Council Meeting**

Having attended the latest City Council Meeting, Sharon Stuewe shared details of interest.

The City is seeking approval for the installation of a splashpad at Pinehurst Park. City personnel are pursuing funding and donations to complete the project.

Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations and boosters continue to be offered at the McCoy Equestrian Center, every Tuesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Reservations are preferred but not required.

Covid tests are available each Wednesday at McCoy's.

Each Tuesday, blood drives are taking place in the bloodmobile which is stationed in the parking lot near the Chino Hills Police Station. The drives will continue until August.

**City Report**

Jake Velasco remarked on the "Dance Showcase" which will take place at the Chino Hills Community Center on Wednesday, May 11, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. A buffet will be served. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and can be purchased at the front desk of the Center beginning April 11.

### **Information Officer's Report**

Sharon Stuewe presented the proposed changes to the Standing Rules and Bylaws which will be voted on at this meeting. Those proposals are:

- The title of Webmaster, 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/Information Officer.
- 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 presented at our General Meetings on a quarterly basis instead of monthly. However, the report will be available each month, with the minutes, on the website.
- The addition of "Other Board Member" will be added to the bank signature card.
- Currently, an audit of financial records by the Finance Committee is reviewed monthly and at the end of the fiscal year. However, since we are a 501c-3 organization with limited funds, an audit is not required.
  - When asked for comments, Dennis Frankeberger suggested replacing the word "audit" with "review". Sharon agreed and thanked Dennis for his input.

The proposed changes to the Standing Rules and Bylaws were passed by a unanimous show of hands.

### **President's Report**

Jane mentioned that the Water District has proposed a rate increase and has mailed ballots to all residents. Those residents who are opposed to the increase must mail back the ballot with a "no" vote. Not returning the ballot will automatically generate a "yes" vote.

Today is Earth Day which was started April 22, 1970. In remembrance, trees will be planted by volunteers, and trail cleanup will be done at La Sierra Trailhead on Saturday, April 30.

Jane discussed an outing that is being considered for the Club. The concept is to rent a bus to and from the Wilson Creek Winery in Temecula. A Frank Sinatra tribute artist performs there each Wednesday, and those interested would attend his show. Wine, food, and any extras, would be paid by members. A sign-up sheet will be shared at the next meeting for those interested in attending.

**Mixer**

Rene Sylvia hosted our mixer with a game called, "Two Truths and a Lie", which was enjoyed by all.

**Guest Speaker**

The guest speaker was City Manager, Ben Montgomery. Ben shared his background, and how he came to work in Chino Hills. He also described how the City functions, and the roles of each department within.

Ben referred to the ongoing issues with our current trash collector, and that he is eagerly awaiting Waste Management, which will take over those duties effective July 1, 2022.

Regarding the ongoing repairs to the Veteran's Monument, Ben stated that work should be done in four to six weeks.

Ben announced that the City is waiving all fees for military recognition banners. This includes maintenance and replacement fees for existing banners, which will be waived effective immediately.

He addressed the reasons why the Veteran's Breakfast was held on November 10<sup>th</sup> last year instead of the official date of November 11. He has pledged that this year's breakfast will be held on November 11.

Ben emphasized the senior programs at the City and listened to suggestions from the members. Some of those were:

- A request for pickleball instruction.
- City sponsored travel for seniors.
- Trimming of city-owned trees which encroach on homeowner views.
- The excessive cost of recreation classes.
- A call for a workshop with seniors to discuss issues in more detail.

**Singles Club**

Frances Downs announced that a meeting to discuss future Singles Club activities would take place at her home on May 12, at 5:00 pm.

**Veterans Group**

George DeFrank noted that an interim meeting will be held soon to suggest and discuss donation options. The date is yet to be decided.

### **Bingo**

George is pleased at the current participation. Yesterday, 83 players attended.

### **Happy Hour**

Melba Aranda mentioned that our next Happy Hour will take place at Septembers in Chino Hills, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Richard Ortiz shared that an upcoming fifties music concert that will be presented on Monday, April 25, in Claremont at Euclid and “B” Streets.

### **Financial Report**

Previous Bank Statement Balance – February 28, 2022	\$30,177.34
Additions – Deposits	\$162.18
Subtractions – Checks Cleared	- \$365.60
Ending Bank Statement Balance - March 31, 2022	\$29,973.92
Subtractions – Checks Outstanding	\$0.00
Subtractions – Veterans Monument Fund	-\$26,924.75
Adjusted Account Balance	\$3,049.17

### **Book Club**

The book for the May 19 meeting will be “Run, Rose, Run”, which will be hosted by Gary Larsen at the Chino Hills Community Center (CHHC).

The title of next month’s book is “The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo” which will be discussed at the CHHC on June 16.

### **Crafts Group**

Jane announced a “big May project” for the May 20 meeting.

### **Scrapbooking and Card Making Group**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 16 in the Sage Room at the CHHC.

### **Quilting Group**

The next quilting group meets on May 9, at the CHHC.

**Genealogy Group**

The group will meet on April 25 (fourth Monday of the month), at the library. Kathy Jackson will present information about the 1950 census at our next General Meeting.

**Recycling**

Recycling is going well, and members should call Jesse Gonzalez for recycling donations or questions.

**Hospitality**

The members who will bring snacks for the next meeting are Eleanor Sage, Marjorie Fair Dominguez, and Loretta Szudy. Frances will send reminders one week in advance of the next meeting.

**Sunshine Committee**

Those in attendance with April birthdays were Fe Arce, Yolanda Davidson, Maria Galvan-Gonzalez, J.D. Martinez, Donna Hodel, and Sally Baca.

Carolyn and Duncan Robb recently celebrated their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and shared their thoughts on the success of their marriage.

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plans**

Susanne Anderson, who is organizing our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for 2023, spoke to the members. A meeting to brainstorm ideas will take place on June 1, at the CHCC. All members who have signed up to assist are asked to attend.

**50/50 Drawing**

The Club sold tickets totaling \$154.00 and the Club earned \$79.00. The winners, Mary Menkus, Diane Hodel, and Shonnie Mullins, each received \$25.00.

**Next General Meeting**

The next meeting will be Friday, May 27, at 10:00 am at CHCC.

**Lunch**

Following the close of the meeting, lunch will be enjoyed at Urban Fish Tacos.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy MacDonald, Secretary