

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
Chino Hills Community Center
September 23, 2022

Officers Present

The Officers present were President, Jane DeFrank, Vice President, Debi Hernandez, Treasurer, Andrea Welch, Information Officer/Web Administrator, Sharon Stuewe, and Secretary, Judy MacDonald.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Jane DeFrank, at 10:03 am. Council Member, Art Bennett, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the August 26, 2022, General Meeting were posted on the website and approved

City Report

Jake Velasco from the City of Chino Hills shared the following upcoming activities with members. Additional information is available at <http://www.chinohills.org>

- “Halloween Social” with costume contest, Wednesday, October 26 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.
- “Salute to Service” Veterans Ceremony & Breakfast, Friday, November 11. Registration is required for breakfast.
- “Veterans Day Sign Campaign” registration is available from September 6 through October 7.
- “Chino Hills Wine Walk” takes place October 8 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at The Shoppes. Tickets are required.
- “Trick or Treat”, sponsored by The City, will be held at The Shoppes on Monday October 31, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.
- “Adopt-A-Family” donor applications can be obtained in person or online at <http://www.chinohills.org/AdoptAFamily>.
- The annual “Firemen’s Luncheon” will be held on Tuesday, December 6. Tickets will be available beginning November 14.

Treasurer’s Report

Andrea Welch presented the following Treasurer’s Report for the reporting period of August 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022. Note that a new entry (in yellow) for “Adopt-A-Family” has been added.

Financial Report

Previous Bank Statement Balance – July 30, 2022	\$14,233.22
Additions – Deposits	\$2,433.47
Subtractions – Checks Cleared	-\$1,930.72
Ending Bank Statement Balance – August 31, 2022	\$14,735.97
Subtractions – Checks Outstanding	-\$15.72
Subtractions – Adopt-A-Family	-\$725.00
Subtractions – 10 Year Anniversary Fund	- \$619.93
Subtractions – Veterans Monument Fund	-\$10,674.75
Adjusted Account Balance	\$2,700.57

Information Officer's Report

There was no report for today's meeting.

Adopt-A-Family

Frances Downs circulated a container to collect spare change for the Adopt-A-Family charity. Over \$40.00 was collected at our last meeting.

Vice President's Report

Debi Hernandez presented the following information.

- A substantial number of visitors attended today's General Meeting.
- September 30 is the last day to renew Club memberships. A late charge of \$5.00 will be added after that date.
- The Club's Emergency Contact List is in the process of being updated. The list is especially important when members are attending Club sponsored activities away from the Community Center. Please contact Debi Hernandez to make any changes to your information. Her phone number and email address can be found on the Club's webpage.
- Members were encouraged to sign up for the Thanksgiving potluck. A sheet was circulated at the meeting.

Mixer

Jane led the mixer, "Who Am I?", which was a humorous questionnaire based on comic book characters.

President's Report

Jane DeFrank discussed the success of the recent Temecula Wine Country event and the fun had by all who attended. Additional bus trips are being considered for 2023.

The Craft Group will be creating centerpieces for this year's Fireman's Luncheon.

Jane informed the membership of the ongoing issues the Board has had with Club member, Lou Alfonso, who has refused to take down his unauthorized 55+ Club Facebook page. The Board has reached out to Lou by phone, letters, and email, and has invited him to attend a Board meeting to discuss the matter. He has not responded to any of the attempts, nor did he attend the Board Meeting. Therefore, the Club is terminating Lou's membership. A letter advising him of the decision will be mailed ASAP.

Guest Speaker

Chino Hills Major, Ray Marquez, introduced himself at the meeting and discussed the history of his career in Chino Hills. He also gave updates on ongoing and future City issues.

Guest Speaker

The second speaker was David Harrison, Director of "Paws for Success" in Chino Hills, who discussed the functions and objectives of the organization. He elaborated on the group's work and success with service and therapy dogs for vets and children.

Anthony Ramirez, a former police officer with PTSD and a volunteer with "Paws for Success", introduced his dog, Rosa, and explained how her companionship has improved his life. Additional members elaborated on the goals of the organization, the partnerships that have been created with local businesses, and the social events that are held.

David Harrison mentioned that the cost to train the dogs is from \$35,000 to \$50,000 per dog. Donations are always appreciated.

50/50 Drawing

The Club sold tickets totaling \$176.00 and the Club earned \$88.25. The winners were Kathy Jackson, Dolores Martinez and Jesse Gonzalez. Each member received \$29.25.

Sunshine Committee

Loretta Szudy called out the following members who are celebrating September birthdays: Desrine Sinclair, Joan Ashlock, Manny Padilla, Faye Scavone, Eleanor Sage, Kathy Gallagher, Art Bennett, Grace Kramer, Sharon Moore, Nancy Horstmeyer and Sharlene Ann Babel. There were no wedding anniversaries for September.

Next General Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 28 at 10:00 am at the Community Center
All members are encouraged to wear costumes for the annual Halloween contest.

Lunch

Following the close of the meeting, we will gather at Septembers for lunch.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy MacDonald, Secretary