

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
Chino Hills Community Center
October 28, 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 approximately 10:00 am. Rick MacDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the September 23, 2022, General Meeting were posted on the website and approved

City Report

Jake Velasco from the City of Chino Hills introduced Berlin Pinedo, the new Active Adult Specialist. She can be reached at (909) 364-2759 and bpinedo@chinohills.org.

Jake shared the following upcoming City news:

- The City newsletter for November, December and January will be out on November 7.
- The Active Adults “Halloween Social” was enjoyed by all. It was the final City-sponsored adult event of the year.
- Veterans’ signs will soon be delivered to those who requested them.
- “Salute to Service” Veterans Ceremony & Breakfast will take place on Friday, November 11. Registration is required for breakfast.
- “Trick or Treat” sponsored by The City will be held at The Shoppes on Monday October 31, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.
- The annual “Firemen’s Luncheon” will take place on Tuesday, December 6. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Community Center on November 14.
- The Chino Hills Boat Parade will occur on Friday, December 16.

Additional information for these and other events is available <https://www.chinohills.org>

Treasurer’s Report

Andrea Welch created the following Financial Report for the period of September 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022.

Financial Report

Previous Bank Statement Balance – August 31, 2022	\$14,735.97
Additions – Deposits	\$2,690.72
Subtractions – Checks Cleared	-\$4,647.46
Ending Bank Statement Balance – September 30, 2022	\$12,779.23
Subtractions – Checks Outstanding	-\$61.60
Subtractions – Adopt-A-Family	-\$3,000.00
Subtractions – 10 Year Anniversary Fund	- \$758.18
Subtractions – Veterans Monument Fund	-\$6,174.75
Adjusted Account Balance	\$2,784.70

Guest Speakers

Vice President, Debi Hernandez introduced the following guest speakers: James Hill, Warden at California Institution for Men (CIM), and Jennifer Core, Acting Warden at the California Institution for Women (CIW).

Jennifer Core began her career with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) in January of 2000. She moved up in the ranks to become the Acting Warden at CIW in March of 2022. Warden Core served in the United States Marine Corps for eight years and was honorably discharged from the Marines in 1996 at the rank of Sergeant.

Captain James Hill began his career at the Arizona Department of Corrections. He was appointed Warden at CIM in March 2022. He has been assigned to several institutions throughout the state and has experience working with both male and female members of the incarcerated population. In addition to Warden Hill's knowledge and experience at CDCR, he is a veteran, having served four years in the United States Navy.

Both wardens are pleased that an emphasis on rehabilitation has been stressed in recent years. Inmates are offered educational courses, rehab programs, virtual visiting, religious programs, etc. Those who are interested in volunteering are welcome to contact either/both facilities.

Information Officer's Report

Sharon Stuewe shared information from the recent City Council Meeting.

- Election ballots can be dropped off at the Ballot Drop Box at the library, or the City Clerk's office by November 8th.
- Upgrades to the Community Park, costing approximately eight million dollars, are being discussed by the City Council.

Adopt-A-Family

Frances Downs announced that over \$5,000.00 has been collected for the Adopt-a-Family charity and she is thrilled with the generosity of Club members.

Vice President's Report

Debi Hernandez announced that we have six new Club members and one new member of the Veterans Group. We currently have 137 members.

Bingo volunteers are still needed. Please contact George DeFrank at (714) 345-0907 for more information.

President's Report

Jane DeFrank announced the recent passing of two Club members:

- Carmen Amezcua passed away on October 4, 2022 at the age of 87.
- Candy Rendall passed away on September 22, 2022 at the age of 96.

Jane is asking that Club members not post on the *unofficial* Facebook page, "Chino Hills 55+ Club". Because our Club is 501(c)(3) organization, we are prohibited from posting political ads, recommending businesses, etc. Doing so could cause us to lose our status as a non-profit.

Jane shared photos and stories of her and George's recent trip to Egypt. Members are encouraged to share stories and photos of their recent trip(s) at General Meetings. Please contact Jane in advance.

Halloween Costumes

Many members came to the meeting in costume. The winners, who each won a \$25.00 Starbucks card, were:

- Best costume – Melba Aranda
- Best couple costumes – Pat and Sharon Montagne
- Scariest costume – Diane Stone
- Prettiest costume – Donna Forbes

50/50 Drawing

The Club sold tickets totaling \$168.00 and the Club earned \$83.25. The winners were Victoria Casso, Jeanne Dighton, and Ed Caragher.

Recycling

Jesse Gonzalez, who manages our recycling program, presented examples of the types of items that he is collecting for the Club's profit. Please adhere to those examples when giving items to Jesse.

Sunshine Committee

Loretta Szudy called out the following members who celebrated October birthdays: Jim Gallagher, Carmen Martinez, Frances Downs, Carolyn Robb, David Elston, Mike Dighton, Pat Montagne, Sharon Montagne, and Kathryn Walter.

Sal and Sylvia Avila celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on October 10. Mary Menkus and David Elston commemorated 24 years of marriage on October 17.

Next General Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, November 18, at the Community Center. We will celebrate Thanksgiving with our usual Friendsgiving potluck.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11.54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy MacDonald, Secretary