

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
Chino Hills Community Center
January 27, 2023

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 10:00 am. Sal Avila led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the December 16, 2022, General Meeting were posted on the website and approved

City Report

Berlin Pinedo shared the following City news:

The Recreation Guide for spring will soon be mailed to all residents. The Active Adults Newsletter will be available at the end of February.

The Sweetheart Social will take place on Tuesday, February 14 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Fun activities and refreshments will be offered, and no registration is required.

Jake added that the Dance Showcase will be held on March 15. Tickets will be on sale beginning February 13.

The Senior Prom Luncheon will occur in May. Additional information will soon be available.

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

Information Officer's Report

Sharon Stuewe attended the recent City Council Meeting and reported that the Cal Trans work on the 71/91 interchange will soon begin. Additional information can be found at [71/91 Interchange Project - RCTC](#)

Treasurer's Report

Andrea compiled the following Treasurer's Report for the period of December 1, 2022 to December 30, 2022.

Previous Bank Statement Balance – November 30, 2022	\$10,016.54
Additions – Deposits	\$377.27
Subtractions – Checks Cleared	-\$1,596.40
Ending Bank Statement Balance – December 30, 2022	\$8,797.41
Subtractions – Checks Outstanding	-\$22.30
Subtractions – 10 Year Anniversary Fund	-\$1,168.02
Subtractions – Veterans Monument Fund	-\$5,274.75
Adjusted Account Balance	\$2,332.34

Vice President's Report

Debi Hernandez mentioned the names of new members and introduced those in attendance. She added that we currently have a membership of 161. She also applauded our new volunteers and reiterated that bingo could always use more help for backup purposes.

Debi revealed a new feature of the Club, "Volunteer of the Year". Each January, a Club member will be chosen by the Board to be the recipient for the previous year. A gift certificate will be awarded at the January meeting, and the first recipient will be awarded at today's meeting by President, Jane DeFrank.

Club elections for President and Treasurer will take place next month. Jim Gallagher, head of the Nominations Committee, was introduced, and he thanked the members of the committee for their help. He introduced the two nominated members; Jane DeFrank, President, and Andrea Welch, Treasurer.

Debi asked if any members in attendance would like to nominate someone for either position. Since no one was suggested, nominations were closed. Elections will be held at the February meeting.

Members On Vacation

Debi Hernandez gave a slideshow overview of the 21-day Caribbean cruise she and her husband, Gabe, recently took. The trip presentation was enjoyed by everyone.

Group Photo

The entire membership went to the gazebo area outside to take some group photos which were taken by Sharon Stuewe.

President's Report

Jane DeFrank shared information about the new Club shirts and brought samples. Members were encouraged to use the provided order forms and place their orders. Payment is due upon receipt of the shirts.

Jane mentioned the two upcoming fundraisers to help pay for the Club's 10th Anniversary Event.

- Cannataro's Italian Restaurant will donate a percentage of the proceeds from Club members' orders (dine in or take out) on Tuesday, January 31, from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Chuck Haeflinger, who organized the event, added additional information about how the process will work.

- The Garage Sale will take place at the February 24 General Meeting. This event is for members only. All are encouraged to bring items to sell, i.e. tools, holiday décor, books, small appliances, etc.
 - Members are asked to arrive early in order to set up their items at the designated tables.
 - Clothing will not be accepted.
 - Twenty-five tickets will be available for \$20.00.
 - Items that don't sell will be donated to a local thrift store.

In Memoriam

Jane recognized those members who passed away in 2022.

- Carmen Amezquita (12/16/34 – 10/04/22)
- Karen Andersen (12/06/47 – 12/08/22)
- Bill Jones (01/31/34 – 01/07/22)
- Candy Rendall (07/12/26 – 09/22/22)

Jane mentioned the Volunteer Recognition Dinner, sponsored by the Chino Hills Community Foundation, recognizing those who contributed to the Foundation's success during 2022. For the first time, the Foundation awarded Volunteer of the Year certificates, and two of our members, George DeFrank and Rick MacDonald were recipients.

In addition, other Club members received recognitions from the City for their volunteer work in 2022. Jane and George DeFrank were recognized as "Unsung Heroes" and Frances Downs as "Volunteer of the Quarter".

Jane and George DeFrank mentioned the contributions that the Veterans Group made in 2022. With the Exception of the USO, each organization was awarded \$4,000.00.

- Habitat for Humanity
- Raising New Heights Foundation
- FrontSight Military Outreach
- Woman's Auxiliary of the Chino American Legion
- Paws for Success
- USO at the Ontario Airport (\$1,000.00)

Volunteer of the Year

The Board discussed the creation of our own Volunteer of the Year and awarded it to Kathy Jackson. Kathy is a tireless volunteer who oversees "50/50" at our General Meetings, heads the Genealogy Group, volunteers at Bingo, and agrees to sub where needed. Kathy was awarded a \$50.00 gift card.

Since this will be an annual event, members are encouraged to nominate a member they feel is worthy of the honor.

Jane announced that Frances Downs has given notice that she is stepping down from Hospitality, and we thank her for her years of service. Anyone who is interested in taking over the task is encouraged to speak to Jane.

Sunshine Committee

Loretta Szudy called out the following members who were celebrating January birthdays: Judy MacDonald, Eddie Holguin, Renee Sylvia, Ronald Paden, Gloria Grotefend, Mary Menkus, Susan Gaitan, Yvonne Lawson, Irene Melendez, Ron Sinsabaugh, Fran Martinez, Rick MacDonald and Jeanette Benson.

Couples celebrating January anniversaries were Jane & George DeFrank (38 years), and Maria Galvan-Gonzales and Jesse Gonzales (4 years).

Mixer

Debi Hernandez led the game, "That's My App", which was enjoyed by all. Winners at each table won a lottery ticket.

50/50 Drawing

The Club sold tickets totaling \$173.00 and the Club netted \$89.00. The winners were: Nancy Horstmeyer, Mary McCarthy and Velma Sotomayer, each of whom won \$28.00.

A 50/50 drawing **will not** be held at the February meeting due to the garage sale.

Next General Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 24 at the Community Center.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Lunch

Following adjournment of the meeting, members enjoyed our potluck lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy MacDonald, Secretary