

**Chino Hills 55+ Club**  
General Meeting Minutes  
Chino Hills Community Center  
March 24, 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 10:07 am. Ron Kunzi led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the February 24, 2023, General Meeting were posted on the website and approved.

**City Report**

Berlin shared the following news:

- The spring newsletter has come out and is available at the front desk.
- Games and special interest group activities are available at the Chino Hills Community Center (CHCC). Details appear in the monthly calendars within the newsletter.
- The Senior Prom Dance & Luncheon takes place on Wednesday, May 24 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm at the CHCC. Tickets are \$12.00 each and go on sale April 11.

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Andrea shared the following quarterly Treasurer's Report for the reporting period of February 1, 2023 to February 28, 2023.

Previous Bank Statement Balance – January 31, 2023	\$8,842.69
Additions – Deposits	\$1,461.20
Subtractions – Checks Cleared	-\$919.40
Ending Bank Statement Balance – February 28, 2023	\$9,384.49
Subtractions – Checks Outstanding	\$0.00
Subtractions – 10 Year Anniversary Fund	- \$2,579.02
Subtractions – Veterans Monument Fund	- \$5,274.75
Adjusted Account Balance	\$1,530.72

### **Treasurer's Report continued**

Andrea informed the members that Council Member, Art Bennett, donated \$100.00 for the American flag case that Jane had shared earlier in the meeting. The flag, which was donated by Rep. Young Kim, had flown over the State Capitol in Sacramento.

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

Sharon Stuewe mentioned the following dates for Bylaws and Standing Rules revisions.

- Input phase for amendments begins today, March 24.
- First reading of proposed amendments will be at the April 28, 2023 General Meeting.
- Second reading and voting will be at the May 26, 2023 General Meeting.

Sharon also displayed the Club's new QR code and discussed how to use it.

### **Vice President's Report**

Debi Hernandez introduced new member, Louise O'Hara. She also mentioned that a representative from the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce would be giving a talk later in today's meeting.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event**

Debi shared the following details:

- Live music will be presented by Glen Anderson and his group.
- A fully catered meal with wine will be served.
  - Beef, chicken or fish will be offered.
  - Wine will be restricted to two glasses per person.
- There is a limit of 150 people so early signups are encouraged.
  - Members will have priority over guests.
- Registration begins today and will be offered at the next General Meeting on April 28.
  - The final date to purchase any remaining tickets is at the May 26 meeting.
- Tickets are \$10.00 per member, and \$35.00 per guest.
- There will be no refunds; however, tickets can be resold to those on the wait list.

Charter Members (CM) will be interviewed about their history and why they've stayed involved. We currently have 23 CMs.

Chuck Haeflinger is in the process of contacting members about their activities outside the Club and in the community.

An in memoriam will be held to honor those members who have passed.

Mayor Peter Rogers will be speaking at the April meeting.

### **Members On Vacation**

Mary McCarthy gave an interesting presentation of her visit to Kenya last November. She shared many wonderful photos of the wildlife, as well as the people she met on the safari, and the locals who welcomed them into their village

### **Susanne Anderson's Announcement**

Susanne announced that Richard Ortiz donated to the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event in memory of his wife, Mary Watson Ortiz. The donation matched the two recent fundraisers that the Club earned.

Richard spoke about his late wife and shared the reasons that he decided to make his contribution. The Club appreciates his donation.

### **Guest Speaker**

Zeb Welborn, President of the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce, was introduced by Jim Gallagher.

The Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization based out of Chino. Zeb discussed how the Chamber helps with business growth, helping bring people together, and building a strong community. He spoke of entrepreneurship, and how seniors can take advantage of how the Chamber can help. Zeb and his team are currently working on a start-up guide to those who are considering starting their own businesses.

### **Mixer**

Rene Sylvia led the mixer, "By the Numbers". The game was fun but also challenged our brains.

### **President's Report**

Jane mentioned a suggestion by Frances Downs to start a "Hand to Foot" card game group. A sign-up sheet was placed on the back tables.

Since Frances is retiring, Jane discussed the need for someone to take over her duties. If no one comes forward, the Club will only serve coffee during the meeting. *(Note: following adjournment, Diane Stone agreed to be the new Hospitality leader.)*

The trip to the Nixon Library will take place March 29. In the event that date changes, Sharon will send an email blast to all.

Jane mentioned that we have received our grant money from the City which will be used to transport us to future long-distance outings. She is asking for a committee of three (3) to come forward and coordinate future day trips.

Due to the success of our recent garage sale, another one will take place at the May 26 General Meeting which will be taking place at the McCoy Barn. More information will be shared at the April meeting.

Today, the Club is honoring National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Members of the Board presented the history of several branches of the U.S. military.

- Judy MacDonald – Navy
- Debi Hernandez – Air Force
- Andrea Welch – Marines
- Sharon Stuewe – Coast Guard
- Jane DeFrank – Army

Following those comments, Debi Hernandez recited a poem for our vets who were recognized with a standing ovation.

### **Sunshine Committee**

Loretta Szudy called out the following members who were celebrating March birthdays: Debbie Keller, Lorraine O'Steen, Donna Hilding, Loretta Szudy, John McKeon, Diane Bok, Bea Ecklund, Sanaa Tamen, LaForest Weaver, Sanaa Abdelgawad, Tony Orozco, Susan Horn, Susanne Anderson and Bill Verstynen.

Susanne and Glen Anderson celebrated their fifth anniversary.

### **New Business**

George DeFrank announced that on Saturday, March 25, there will be an event at the Air Museum in Riverside, to recognize the conclusion of the Vietnam War fifty years ago. It will be sponsored by Angel Force, an organization that addresses the epidemic of suicides by military personnel and offers support to survivors. The Veterans Group is donating \$1,000.00 to the group.

### **50/50 Drawing**

The Club sold tickets totaling \$106.00 and the Club netted \$55.00. The winners were: George DeFrank, Maria Bautista, and Melba Brown, each of whom won \$17.00.

### **Next General Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 28 at the Community Center.

### **Lunch**

Following the close of the meeting, members will meet at Yard House for lunch.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy MacDonald, Secretary