

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

Officers Present

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Jane DeFrank at 10:02 am. J.D. Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance. The General Meeting Minutes from September 22, 2023, were approved.

A clerical error in the September 2023 General Meeting Minutes was disclosed and approved for correction.

City Report

Berlin shared the following:

- The City will honor veterans at the annual “Salute to Service” event and breakfast on Saturday, November 11. The ceremony at the Veterans Monument will begin at 8:00 am, followed by breakfast at the Chino Hills Community Center (CHCC) at 8:30 am. The event is free to attend but limited to the first two hundred people. No registration is required.
- The annual “Firemen’s Christmas Luncheon” will take place on Tuesday, December 5. Tickets will be available for residents only at the CHCC beginning November 14.
- The Active Adults Newsletter will be available next week.

Additional information for these and other recreation events is available at <https://www.chinohills.org> or by contacting the Recreation Office at (909) 364-2700.

Information Officer’s Report

Sharon attended the recent City Council Meeting wherein the location of a proposed wireless cell phone tower was discussed. An agreement to not erect the tower on a prominent ridgeline was reached; however, dialogs about proposed locations and other issues will continue.

Sharon provided an overview of the Club’s website and urged members to avail themselves of the extensive information provided.

Halloween Costumes

Members in costume stood at the front of the room, each holding numbers for the upcoming voting process. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories: prettiest, funniest, scariest, best couple, most creative and best all-around costume.

Guest Speaker

Chino Hills Police Chief, Al Girard, spoke to the membership. Chief Girard came from an extensive line of family in law enforcement. He has been with the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department since 1994. He was appointed Chino Hill's Captain in July 2023 after serving as deputy, lieutenant and sergeant.

Captain Girard shared that the Police Department currently has thirty-nine deputies, a Detective Bureau, Traffic Unit and Multiple Enforcement Team.

Captain Girard replied to several questions from the membership who appreciated his attendance at the meeting.

Adopt-A-Family

Frances Downs announced that donations continue to be accepted for the Adopt-A-Family program.

Treasurer's Report

Andrea prepared the October Treasurer's Report for the reporting period of September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

Previous Bank Statement Balance – August 31, 2023	\$8,649.93
Additions – Deposits	\$2,906.60
Subtractions – Checks Cleared	-\$500.18
Ending Bank Statement – September 30, 2023	\$11,056.35
Subtractions – Checks/Fees Outstanding	\$0.00
Subtractions - Transportation Fund	-\$2,538.41
Subtractions – Veterans Monument Fund	\$4,774.75
Subtractions – Adopt-A-Family	-\$1,624.07
Adjusted Account Balance	\$2,119.12

Vice President's Report

Debi mentioned that one new member and nine (9) visitors were at today's meeting, bringing our membership total to 195.

Twenty-four members have not renewed their membership and will be dropped from the Club if not paid by November 30.

President's Report

The Fire Department has once again invited the Club to volunteer at the annual "Make-A-Child-Smile" event on Wednesday, December 13. Jane responded that we will be there.

Upcoming events:

- November 17 – Our Thanksgiving potluck will be held, and sheets for volunteer and food sign-ups are at the back table. Diane Stone shared that more side dishes are needed.
- December 15 – A *members only* holiday luncheon will be offered and paid for by Bingo. Jane will bring a sign-up sheet at the November meeting in order to ensure an accurate head count.
- The Mission Inn – The date is yet to be determined but there is a sign-up sheet at the back table for those interested in going. Jane will contact everyone when the details are available. November 29 is being considered.
- Huntington Museum and Gardens – This destination was chosen by the majority in our recent poll. A date for this event has not been decided yet but must take place between January 1 and March 31 in order to utilize the \$1,000.00 grant that will be used to pay for a bus.

Grace Kramer, Melba Aranda, and Carmen Martinez are organizing a Christmas party at the Central Basco Restaurant in Chino, on December 1. The cost is \$50.00 per person. Please contact Grace at 909-241-7564 for more information.

Jane mentioned that there is an urgent need for a volunteer to manage the Bingo canteen the fourth Thursday of each month. In addition, additional bingo volunteers are needed as substitutes.

Elections are coming up in February and the following positions are up for election:

- Vice President
- Information Officer/Web Administrator
- Secretary

Please contact Jane or any current Board Member if you are interested in running for any of the positions.

Sunshine Committee

Loretta Szudy read the names of those celebrating October birthdays: Jim Gallagher, Carmen Martinez, Frances Downs, Carolyn Robb, Debbie Klingelberg, Linda Hsu, Donna Knik, Esther Kruse, David Elston, Mike Dighton, Fulvia Smith, Albert Avila, Patrick Montagne, Sharon Montagne, and Kathryn Walter.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries were:

- Sylvia & Sal Avila - 42nd anniversary on October 10
- Mary Menkus & David Elston – 25th anniversary on October 17
- Fran & Jim Walsh – 38th anniversary on October 19

Halloween Contest Results

The winners of the following costume categories each received a \$25.00 Amazon gift card:

- Scariest – Jim & Kathy Gallagher
- Funniest – Gabriel Hernandez
- Prettiest – Andrea Welch
- Best Couple – Rick & Judy MacDonald
- Most Original – Gabriel Hernandez
- Overall – Jane DeFrank

50/50

The Club sold tickets totaling \$219.00 and the Club netted \$111.00. The winners were: Jeanne Dighton, Kathy Jackson and Debra McKeon, each of whom won \$36.00.

Next General Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, November 17 at CHCC.

Lunch

Following the closing of the meeting, those interested will meet at P.F. Chang's for lunch.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy MacDonald, Secretary