

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
Chino Hills Community Center
November 17, 2023

Officers Present

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

Call to Order

President Jane DeFrank called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.
Robert Chapa led the Pledge of Allegiance.
The General Meeting Minutes from October 27, 2023, were approved.

City Report

Jake Velasco shared the following information:

- The Active Adults newsletter is now available.
- The annual Senior Holiday/Firemen's Luncheon will take place Tuesday, December 5, 12 – 2 p.m. Tickets – for residents only – are on sale now at the Chino Hills Community Center (CHCC); not many are left at this time.
- The Chino Hills Tree Lighting ceremony will be held Saturday, December 2, 5 - 8 p.m. in the area between city hall and the library. The Ayala Jazz Band will also play.
- The annual Boat Parade will be held Friday, December 15, starting at 7 p.m.
- The new supervisor at CHCC is Albert Cardenas. Jake still reports to Melissa.

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.

Adopt-A-Family

Frances Downs announced that today is the last day for donations for the Adopt-A-Family program. Donations to date total \$6000 plus \$2000 donated from Bingo for a grand total of \$8000. Donations will benefit 37 identified families.

Information Officer's Report

Sharon Stuewe announced that the art gallery at The Shoppes has moved. It is open Wednesdays, 5 - 7 p.m., and Fridays, 6 - 8 p.m.
Sharon also attended the recent City Council meeting where the following topics were discussed:

- Future of Grand Avenue Park (remain a roller hockey rink, change to pickleball court, or a hybrid)
- Police department toy drive
- English Springs Park closure for sidewalk renovation through December 15

- Suspension of street parking ticketing for holiday season November 22 - 27
- Kurt Hagman's open house at city hall Thursday, December 7, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Vice President's Report

Debi Hernandez announced that nine new members have joined the club, making a total over 200. There were some former members, however, that did not renew their membership this year and were dropped; so the net total is now 189 members.

Debi also requested membership help in locating a boat for the veterans for the upcoming Boat Parade, and she asked for volunteers to help decorate the vehicle following next month's meeting.

President's Report

Jane DeFrank reviewed the Salute to Service event that took place at the Veterans Monument on November 11 and showed photos. She mentioned that a flag provided by U.S. Representative Young Kim was raised. Jane also reminded the attendees of the dream and help provided by the late Brett Benson to have the monument placed, and the Veterans group's diligence in having the granite replaced.

Jane addressed the following upcoming events:

- The Fire Department's annual "Make-A-Child-Smile" event will welcome club volunteers on Wednesday, December 13, at 7:15 a.m. – noon at the tent in the Walmart parking lot. Jane reminded volunteers to wear their red shirts.
- The December 15 meeting's members-only, catered, holiday luncheon provided by Bingo, with music provided by Glen Anderson, requires sign-up for an accurate count. Members were instructed to sign the sign-up sheet provided at the back of the room.
- Officer elections for vice president, secretary, and information officer will take place in February. Jane requested volunteers for an election committee to contact all membership in January.
- The club has received a \$1000 grant from Art Bennett. This grant will fund the bus transportation to the planned trip to the Huntington Museum and Gardens March 27.
- The Mission Inn dinner has been cancelled.
- The Christmas dinner/dance at the Central Basco Restaurant in Chino on December 1, organized by Grace Kramer, Melba Aranda, and Carmen Martinez, is \$50 per person and open to the entire club.
- Next month's meeting will include an ugly sweater contest.

Sunshine Committee

Susanne Anderson read the names of those celebrating November birthdays and anniversaries. Those celebrating birthdays were presented with a gift and stood at the front for a photo.

50/50

The Club sold tickets totaling \$201.00, and the Club netted \$102.00. The winners were: Mary McCarthy, David Elston, and Susan Aldaco, each of whom won \$33.00.

Next General Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, December 15, at CHCC.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Lunch

Following the closing of the meeting, the Friendsgiving potluck lunch began.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley Kondek
(substituting for Secretary Judy MacDonald)