

**Chino Hills 55+ Club**  
General Meeting Minutes  
Chino Hills Community Center  
December 15, 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 10:05 am. Rick MacDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance. The General Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2023, were approved.

**City Report**

Jake shared the following:

- Thirty-seven families in Chino Hills will receive assistance through the Adopt-a-Family program.
  - Jake introduced Frances Downs who shared that we collected \$10,000.00 for Adopt-a-Family.
- We were reminded that the Chino Hills Boat Parade will take place this evening.

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.

**Treasurer's Report**

Andrea presented the December Treasurer's Report for the reporting period of November 1, 2023 to November 20, 2023

Previous Bank Statement Balance – November 1, 2023	\$14,007.48
Additions – Deposits	\$5,587.15
Subtractions – Checks Cleared	-\$9,372.46
Ending Bank Statement Balance – November 30, 2023	\$10,222.17
Subtractions – Checks/Fees Outstanding	-\$86.48
Subtractions – Transportation Fund	-\$2,845.43
Subtractions – Veterans Monument Fund	-\$4,774.75
Adjusted Account Balance	\$2,515.51

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

Sharon attended the recent City Council Meeting and shared the following:

- The City will be recycling live Christmas trees, six feet or less, from 12/26/23 thru 01/12/24. Residents are asked to leave the tree by the trash can for the next collection.
- There will be no tickets for parking on the streets from 12/22/23 thru 01/03/24.
- Extra police officers will be patrolling the Shoppes during the holiday season.

At the end of this year, Gloria Grotefend will be retiring as the liaison between the Club and the Chino Hills Champion. She has shared the Club's upcoming activities through her articles since July 2017 and her years of service are appreciated.

Twenty-four Club members participated in the Make-A-Child-Smile event sponsored by the Chino Valley Fire Department and Walmart. Each child received a \$150.00 gift card to spend.

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

Debi mentioned that we now have a membership of 196.

Debi was able to borrow a boat from a local family for tonight's boat parade. Members are asked to meet at Veteran's Park after today's meeting to help decorate it. Club members will meet near St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church tonight to watch the parade together.

### **Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest**

Members interested in competing in the contest stood at the front of the room to be judged. Prizes will be awarded for prettiest and ugliest sweaters, males and females.

### **President's Report**

Jane spoke of the upcoming Club elections. Positions up for election are Vice President, Secretary, and Information Officer.

The Election Committee members are Sharon Montagne, Susan Aldaco and Bert Fortier.

Upcoming events:

- A visit to the Huntington Museum and Gardens will take place on March 27. A bus will be provided, paid for by the grant issued to the Club. A sign-up sheet for those interested will be provided at the next meeting.
- The Veterans Group is attending a special exhibit at The Nixon Library, "Shot Down in Vietnam", on January 31. All members are invited. Those interested are asked to meet in the northern lot of the Chino Hills Community Center (CHHC) at 9:00 am to carpool. Admission is free to veterans with documentation of service and others are \$24.00. Our entry time is 10:00 am, and we will have our own docent for the visit.
- Jane read a humorous article about eating tips during the holidays.

### **Sunshine Committee**

Loretta Szudy read the names of those celebrating December birthdays: Louise O'Hara, Larry Hodel, Karol Andersen, Bob Walter, Victoria Casso, Debi Hernandez, Robert Luevanos, Glen Anderson, Velma Sotomayer, Oscar Limon, Maxine Welch and Sylvia Avila.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries were:

- Linda Briney & Jose Fernandez, 33 years on December 23.
- JoAnne & John DeMonaco, 57 years on December 31.

### **Twelve Days of Christmas**

Glen Anderson led the annual singing of, "The Twelve Days of Christmas".

### **50/50**

The Club sold tickets totaling \$297.00 and the Club netted \$147.00. The winners were: Duncan Robb, Carolyn McCormick, and Stan Good, each of whom won \$50.00.

### **Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest Winners**

The following entries each won a \$50.00 Amazon gift card.

- Ugliest Sweaters: Jane DeFrank and George DeFrank
- Prettiest Sweaters: Sharon Montane and Sal Avila

### **Next General Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 26, 2024.

### **Lunch**

A catered lunch provided by "I Heart Catering", and paid for by Bingo, was provided to the membership.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy MacDonald, Secretary