

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
Chino Hills Community Center
February 23, 2024
Revised Final

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 10:08 am. Military veteran, Rey Gaglio led the Pledge of Allegiance. The General Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2024, were approved.

City Report

Jake Velasco reminded everyone that there are many drop-in activities for seniors to enjoy at the Chino Hills Community Center (CHCC). Hours are 8:00 am thru 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

A “Motown Groove Dance Party” will take place on April 10, from 10:00 am through 12:00 pm at the CHCC. Games and prizes will be offered, and admission is free.

A Mardi Gras themed senior dance showcase will be held at the CHCC on Wednesday, March 27. Dance groups from several of the City’s senior clubs will be featured. Tickets are \$12.00 each with a maximum purchase of five tickets per household.

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

There was no financial report submitted as they are only shared quarterly.

Elections

Jane invited nominations from the floor for the following Board positions: Vice President, Information Officer/Web Administrator, and Secretary. Since no additional nominations were mentioned, Jane proceeded to read the rules about the voting procedure. Members received their ballots when checking into the meeting.

Information Officer's Report

Sharon presented several photos from the Club's recent visit to the Richard Nixon Library. She also invited members to share stories of their own vacations for a future "Travel Time" segment. Sharon would prepare a Power Point presentation, and members are asked to contact her and submit their photos if interested.

A Bylaw committee will be created to add language regarding confidentiality of the Club. In March, Sharon will be seeking volunteers to join the committee.

Sharon has discovered that members with an "msn.com" email account have not been receiving Club emails. She has been focusing on the problem which has mostly been alleviated.

Vice President's Report

Debi introduced four guests at today's meeting and mentioned that we had 103 in attendance. We currently have 201 members.

Membership renewals begin in April. June 30 will be the last day to renew.

Debi has asked anyone with a suggestion for a future mixer to please talk to her.

New Business

The Book Club would like to have a book sale, wherein members would bring in their used books to sell for \$1.00 per book. Money collected for the sale will be given to the Club. Any book that doesn't sell will be donated.

The American Legion Auxiliary in Chino will be having a smorgasbord on Sunday, March 10, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The money raised will be used to send local girls to Girls State in Sacramento.

Stan Good, who recently spoke about his life in Sleepy Hollow, took a few minutes to thank Debi Hernandez for her thank you note on behalf of the Club.

Mixer

Debi led a mixer for our theme of Black History Month. Members read aloud information about heroes of the African American community and a questionnaire followed.

LaForest Weaver read the lyrics to "The Negro National Anthem", and shared information about the composer and the history of the song.

Volunteer of the Year

Frances Downs was declared our “Volunteer of the Year”. She was presented with a certificate as well as a \$50.00 Amazon gift card. She mentioned that she will be collecting donations for Adopt-A-Family beginning in August this year.

President’s Report

Jane announced that new club apparel, including sweatshirts and cardigans, are now available.

Several quilts designed by our members were donated to the Chino Valley Fire District. A photo was shown with the firefighters, the quilters and their quilts.

Due to a conflict with a City function, the date for the outing to the Huntington Gardens and Library has been changed to March 18. A bus will be in the parking lot of the CHCC, and members are asked to be there by 9:00 am. Admission is \$21.00 for those over sixty-five, lunch will be available for purchase at the facility. The bus is estimated to return by 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

Jane stressed that the privacy of Club members is of utmost importance, and that their personal information will never be shared with outside organizations. However, select information will be shared with group leaders on a need-to-know basis.

Election Results

The election results were read, and all three incumbent Board members were re-elected.

- Debi Hernandez, Vice President
- Sharon Stuewe, Information Officer/Web Master
- Judy MacDonald, Secretary

Sunshine Committee

In Loretta’s absence, Susanne Anderson and Suzy Nicolin called out the following members who celebrated February birthdays: Casey Cecala, Janisse Minter, Mary McKeon, Alandra Solomon, Gail Smith, Warren Adams, Richard Ortiz, Sheila Williams, Phoebe Frankeberger, Melba Aranda, Ronni Sidoti, Mohammed Chowdhury, Sharon Kaye, Peter Faulhaber, Dena Peoples, Jane DeFrank, Sharon Stuewe, Georgene Belz, Vasant Bhatt and George Lightholder.

Those celebrating February wedding anniversaries are:

- Dianne and Larry Hodel – 24 years
- Fran and J.D. Martinez – 66 years
- Sharon and Pat Montagne – 58 years

50/50

The Club sold tickets totaling \$249.00 and the Club netted \$126.00. The winners were Mary McCarthy, Carol Ingram, and Susan Aldaco, each of whom won \$41.00.

Three additional names were drawn and the winners were each given one lottery ticket.

Potluck

Following adjournment of today's meeting, a potluck of chili and hotdogs will be served.

Next General Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 22, at the CHCC.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy MacDonald, Secretary