

Chino Hills 55+ Club
General Meeting Minutes
Chino Hills Community Center
October 25, 2024

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 10:15 am. Military veteran, Paul Christensen, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Minutes from the September 27, 2024, General Meeting were approved.

Veterans

On October 22, the Chino Hills City Council awarded a proclamation to our veterans for their service. The proclamation was displayed at the back tables for viewing.

City Report

Armando offered the following news and upcoming activities.

- The City-sponsored “Boo Bash Boo-gie” Halloween party was a success with many Club members in attendance.
- A “Salute to Service” event will be held on Monday, November 11, beginning at 8:00 am, at the Military Service Monument. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 in the Chino Hills Community Center (CHCC) following the ceremony.
- Veterans Day yard signs are available, free of charge, for households of a veteran or active-duty service members. Non-veteran households will be charged \$15.00. They can be obtained through the City’s website or in person at the Recreation Center. Signs can be ordered now through Friday, October 4, and will be delivered to homes by City staff beginning Friday, November 1.

City employee, Jessica Patino, was in attendance to speak about the Adopt-A-Family program. She thanked the Club for its past participation and mentioned that we raised \$10,000.00 last year. Over thirty families received assistance through the program.

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

Andrea Welch informed the Club that \$2,148.00 has been raised thus far for the Adopt-A-Family program. The cut-off time for making additional donations will be the November General Meeting on November 22. Cash, checks, and Zelle are accepted.

Bus Trips

Jane discussed the bus trip to Temecula and her disappointment in the attendance. Fifty-eight people signed up, and the largest bus (for sixty people) was rented at a cost of \$1,480.81. However, since only twenty-eight people attended, more money was spent than was necessary, and a smaller bus could have been rented at a much lower cost.

Because of the Temecula bus issue, some changes will take place for our bus trip to the Mission Inn in December. Each person must pay \$40.00 up front; however, once members board the bus, \$20.00 will be refunded to each attendee. This should ensure that everyone interested in attending will be on the bus, and that the club will not lose money.

Jane also mentioned that each attendee should decide on their dinner preferences at the Mission Inn or elsewhere and make their own reservations accordingly.

Information Officer's Report

Sharon asked the membership if they are receiving her emails, and it appears that they are. Anyone who isn't or may be having issues, is asked to contact Sharon.

Sharon will be giving a presentation on making gingerbread houses at the Art Gallery at The Shoppes on November 2 at 7:00 pm. Starting bid will be \$50.00 and a \$10.00 donation at the door to support the Art Gallery will be appreciated.

Vice President's Report

Debi shared that the Club had 201 active members at the beginning of the meeting. With several people joining today, the membership has risen to 211.

Debi mentioned that Sharon Kaye will be the chair for the Election Committee this year. The positions of President and Treasurer will be up for election.

Our yearly Halloween contest is taking place today and the majority of Club members are dressed for the occasion. Those interested in competing for scariest, funniest, prettiest, most original and best all-around costumes were asked to stand at the front of the room for voting to commence. Ballots were given out and members voted. The winners will be announced later in the meeting.

President's Report

Once again, Jane stressed that the Club needs more volunteers. Bingo has recently lost members in several positions and it's important to keep them filled. Please contact George DeFrank if you are interested in volunteering for Bingo.

The yearly "Make A Child Smile" event at Walmart in Chino will take place on Wednesday, December 11. Volunteers are needed. Additional details are to come.

The American Legion in Chino is collecting pull tabs from cans for the Ronald McDonald Foundation. The Legion is located at 13759 Central Ave, in Chino.

A sign-up sheet for our Thanksgiving potluck on Friday, November 22, will be at the back tables.

The Club's holiday luncheon, sponsored by Bingo, will take place on Friday, December 20.

The City's Holiday Luncheon is planned for December 3 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the CHCC. A meal and raffle prizes will be donated by the Chino Valley Fire Foundation. Tickets will go on sale starting November 12 and is open to Chino Hills residents only.

Sunshine Committee

Loretta Szudy called out the following members who are celebrating October birthdays: Jim Gallagher, Carmen Martinez, Frances Downs, Debbie Klingelberg, Linda Hsu, Donna Knik, Esther Kruse, David Elston, Might Dighton, Fulvia Smith, Albert Avila, Patrick Montagne, Sharon Montagne, and Kathryn Walker.

The following couples are celebrating wedding anniversaries in October.

- Sal & Sylvia Avila – 43 years
- Mary Menkus and David Elston – 26 years
- Fran and Jim Walsh – 39 years

50/50

The Club sold tickets totaling \$234.00 and the Club netted \$120.00. The winners were: Carol McCormick, Carol Ingram, and Karol Andersen, each of whom won \$38.00.

Halloween Costume Contest Winners

The winners were:

- Scariest – Gabe Hernandez
- Funniest – The Three Mrs. Ropers: Susan Aldaco, Carol Ingram, and Victoria Casso.
- Prettiest – Jeannie Dighton
- Funniest – Fran and JD Martinez
- Most Original – Sal and Sylvia Avila
- Best All Around – Fran and JD Martinez

Next General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on Friday, November 22, when we will have our Thanksgiving potluck.

Following adjournment of today's meeting, those interested in lunch should meet at Roscoe's in Chino Hills.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy MacDonald, Secretary