

MEETING MINUTES March 11, 2024, San Marcos Community Center

Call to Order: Marianne F. called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced the speaker, Cathy Baur, President and CEO, Boys and Girls Club of San Marcos. 26 members were present. Marianne F. stated the February 2024 Minutes are available on the website (CWONC.org).

Cathy Baur presented the CWONC members a detailed overview of the mission and activities of the Boys and Girls Club and thanked those members currently volunteering in the reader programs at the Club.

Treasurer's Report: In Jeanne's absence, the February, 2024 Month-end Financial Summary follows:

Checking Account Balance	\$6,365.97
Reserve Savings Account Balance Total Bank Balance	\$20,058.44 \$26,424.4 1
Income to date (dues & fundraising)	\$2,394.51
Club Operating/GFWC Expenses Charitable Donations Total Expenses to date	\$ 900.00 \$ 323.02 \$1,223.02
Month end net income or loss	\$1,171.49

District news:

<u>Palomar District</u> Convention & Art Show April 23:

Bonnie told the group the event will include vendors and will be held in Escondido. Lunch cost is \$48. Members are encouraged to submit art for exhibition but there will be no judging. Speak to her if interested in attending. Speak to her for more information. (Bonnie)

Service Projects:

Recap:Toiletries sorting for **Interfaith**

Gina reported that the group assembled 39 hygiene kits before tonight's meeting. A discussion about the support removed for Interfaith by the City of Escondido partially due to increased criminal activity in the area. As CWONC members agree Interfaith performs a valuable service to the homeless community, it was suggested we contact city leaders to encourage support. Marianne F. agreed to construct a letter of support for Interfaith from CWONC to be sent to the Mayor of Escondido.

Recap: Note & letter-writing for Meals on Wheels

Debby reported she delivered 61 notes to Meals on Wheels to be included with meal deliveries and the organization was very happy to receive them.

Recap: Volunteering for Foundation for Women Warriors

Debby reported that she and Cate volunteered to assemble and separate baby bags for delivery to another location. FWW Day is March 14th and members are encouraged to remember this organization and volunteer when available.

Lasagna Love March 23

Jackie reported there will be a Lasagna Love assembly and lunch on March 23rd. If not other hostess signs up, it will be at Jackie's home. Signup sheet available.

Lunch for Canine Companions; April 29

Kathleen reported the luncheon will be a taco 'bar' as before with some changes. A signup sheet for lunch food items, etc., is available. 45 'students' and staff are expected as that will be the first day of class.

Twisted Stitchers and Sew-In

Marianne V. reported completion of 60 Bibs and 20 Burp cloths – some for Helo Babies project and others for FWW. The next gatherings will be Twisted Stitchers on Wednesday, March 20 – 9-11 AM at Jeanne's home and Sew-In on Saturday, April 13 from 9-12 to work on stuffed Bears.

Squadron events

Jean reported on the successful Easter cookie decoration activity held on March 9th. Five CWONC members assisted. Upcoming will be a Military 'Ball' for children to be held on June 8th. CWONC members will be asked to contribute to a dessert table for this event.

Helo Babies

Joy and Barbara M. reported on the baby gift bags delivered and two of the expectant Mom's met at the Easter cookie event. Items needed going forward are primarily 'generic' items and larger baby blankets.

A discussion developed about the upcoming Honor flight (April 26-28) and the opportunity for CWONC to become involved – either attending the homecoming April 28th or writing notes/letters to include in the 'Mail Call' activity on the return flight. Barbara D. volunteered to coordinate collecting notes/letters.

Anne reported she will begin contacting San Diego County Fair representatives to formulate CWONC paid volunteer opportunities for 2024.

Fun stuff:

Pam reported that Bunco Day will be Wednesday March 27, 1 PM, at Elaine's home in Carlsbad. Signup sheet is available and the gathering will include a salad pot luck.

Pam also reported Game Day will be April 24th and a hostess will be needed or she will be the host. Details to follow later.

Announcements:

Marianne F. reported that Anne celebrates 25 years as a CWONC member and the membership celebrated with a round of applause.

'News Notes': Butter and Barbara D. both offered events to contribute for.

Bina was the recipient of the doorprize.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. - Secretary