

MINUTES

Board Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Chisago Lakes Town Hall



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05.

Attendance

President Chris Schneider (phone)
Vice President Scott Ross
Treasurer Marlys Dunne
Secretary Shelley Lindau
Member at Large Dennis Kammerer
Member at Large Tim Clark
Member at Large Lori Bestler
Member at Large Dana Helm
Member at Large Trena Morrison
Jared Clark
Chris Duboise

Approval of Minutes

Dana made motion, Dennis seconded, to approve the minutes for March 14, 2024, meeting as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Vote in New Members

Marlys made motion, Scott seconded, to vote in new members Rachel Laferriere, Jena and Nick Rogers, Tom and Lezlie Papules . All Ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Marlys D. informed the group there was currently \$8,137 in the checkbook. Recent payments included the purchase of a computer for the Communications Director, pizza for the annual Club party, Copy Pro, GoDaddy and website renewals. Buttons were also purchased. The Adopt a Senior Program had \$4,926 in the checkbook. Recent expenses included payments for printing of flyers and Harmony in the Park booth.

Membership Committee Report

Lori B. announced there were two new members who were at the annual meeting. There was discussion on who had the board with the sticky notes from the annual meeting. It was though Natash may have them.

Adopt a Senior Program

Marlys informed the group that Copy Pro was working on edits to the community poster with tear off hotline number. Flyers were being revamped to put better pictures on there.

Karl Oskar Day Food Booth

Chris D. asked if the Club was going to be selling food during the dance at Karl Oskar Days. Marlys

pointed out that the Department of Health Food License needed to be renewed, which would be \$95 and there was a cost for the City of Lindstrom for the booth. There was discussion whether things could be done differently than last year since the Club was not able to make any money due to the cost of the food, lack of advertising, most people already had dinner, and there were many other options. The location of the dance would be at the new Fire Hall, further from downtown and other food options. There was discussion about helping the Chamber with beer sales, and Chris D. will bring it up at the next Chamber Board meeting. Marlys questioned whether the Club should sell popcorn since the Club was donated a popcorn popper, and we could sell for buck a bag. Marlys would check on whether the Club would need a permit and license if it decides to do that. It was generally agreed it was challenging to find volunteers and grills and such, so the Club will not do food but perhaps partner with the Chamber and maybe get a donation from them. It was also suggested putting a donation jar out at all of the Clubs functions.

Purchase of Canopy Discussion

Marlys was currently looking for a canopy that will have the CLGNC and the Adopt a Senior logos put on it. The canopy she was looking for was a 10 X 10 and estimated to cost around \$100. It was suggested to find something with sides on it.

50 Gift Card from Jakes on the Lake

There was a discussion on what to do with the Gift Card for Jakes on the Lake that was donated to the Club by the Fire Department for its offer to help with Bingo at Jakes, though the Club did not take it over. It was agreed to donate it to the Shoop family for their benefit after husband and father Brian Shoop died of a hard attack.

Coffee Pot Replica Sales Discussion

Several people who attended the annual Club meeting had shown interest in participating in funding raising through the sale of Coffee Pot Replicas. Maggie and Lindsay Schmidt, Trena, and the Andersons were willing to take on the committee, and Pattie offered to be Chair. A meeting was scheduled for May 22 at 6 p.m. in the Barrel room at the Uncommon Loon. Miranda will be present with a coffee pot and will help guide the committee. She was able to source bubble wrap and bags still needed to be found. There was discussion on where to sell. The Club was signed up for Karl Oskar Days, Holiday sales in December, and Harmony in the Park, where the Club's sales would be exclusive. KOD is a two-day event, and someone will always have to be at the booth, so that person will miss being in the parade. There was also discussion on selling them at the Muni, and Scott will follow up with them. There was a discussion on what to do if the Club ran out and more needed to be purchased, since the Board needs to approve purchases. It was decided to let the committee figure out the whole process and report back to the Board. Scott and Natasha have the information for the Square payment option.

Parade Committee Discussion

Chris S. will get together with Rusty, Dennis, Tim, and maybe OB to discuss ideas on a more permanent float, maybe something with plexiglass with money or shopping cart. Will need access to a trailer. Chris will be home for three weeks after next week. Scott asked Chris S. to put the parade committee on the GNC GroupMe for their participation. Chris will communicate with board to get an estimate on cost approved but he guessed around \$500 would be needed.

Yard Work Requests

GNC members helped clean up gardens for a senior on Old Towne Road, but there was much more to be done. There was a question of whether the high school kids could help. Marlys said that last time they helped, it was asked if the Club could provide some supervision of the kids. It was agreed should help her again if we have done in the past. It was talked about how to vet these types of inquiries. Lori said she has had people offer to pay, and perhaps we could offer service providers. Dana suggested

finding out how many members would commit. Marlys pointed out that there were committed members to do it after the road cleanup, but the cleanup date had changed due to weather. There was discussion on acts of kindness not being an organized event. Dana suggested having a request committed, and Chris D. agreed there needed to be a smaller group vetting requests. There was discussion on engaging the younger kids and perhaps getting the honor society involved because they are required to donate hours. This will be added to the next meeting agenda to find volunteers for this request.

Floor Cleaning Request

A senior woman on the south end of Chisago Lakes was looking for help to scrub her floor. The Club had helped her in the past with covering her septic line with leaves in the fall to prevent freezing, then removing them in the spring. There was a suggestion to talk to Jeff B. for a discounted rate, or Mark from Frankies Hardware to rent a floor scrubber. Chris S. and Shelley will meet with her when Chris is in town next week.

Pathways to Home Volunteer Opportunities June 3-7

There is another opportunity to volunteer at Trinity Lutheran Church when they host the Pathways to Home program. In the past, Club members have focused on the after-dinner activity by helping the kids paint rocks. Shelley will talk to Lori M., lead rock painter, and see if/when she could volunteer.

Zion Dinner

The next dinner the GNC volunteers will serve will be July 29. The volunteers that showed up at the last community meal received a free CLGNC hat. It was said the hats were noticed by attendees and received comments from attendees. It was thought Christa was in possession of the hats, and there were about nine left.

Parmly Gazebo Social

The Gazebo Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Thursday, June 6 at 5:30. There was a question as to how it should be paid for. Last year, the Adopt a Senior program paid around \$50-\$60. Chris D. commented that there should always be a donation jar, and Marlys indicated she had one. Dana recalled there was a flyer posted at Parmly last year, and someone should check with Christa to find out if there is one this year. It was unsure whether Klondike Kates could attend again, and there was a suggestion to have Rusty play guitar. Shelley will check with him.

Yard Clean up Request at Parmly

Christa and Rochell did an act of kindness for Parmly by doing some yard cleanup, and Christa had indicated afterwards that they were really thankful. There was discussion on the chapel project and possibly getting the Knights to help with it. There was also discussion as to why the Club should do it when they have paid workers. Chris S suggested on focusing on how it is helping make the residents' day better and not the lack of the paid help. Chris D. questioned whether they could provide something in return, perhaps paying for the ice cream for the Social. Tim commented that Parmly may be agreeable to that since they would also get a tax donation. It was agreed the supplies should be purchased by Parmly, and the Chaplain was already talking to management.

Tea Party

It was said that Christa is still working on the details for the Tea Party.

Yard Projects for Elderly Gentleman

Chris S. talked about Roger who he help around the house but needs more done such as tree trimming and an 8X8 pad by his firepit. He said it was very simple stuff that would only take a few hours. He said

he would get the guys together to see what they can do. It was suggested he get the details and put it on GroupMe for others to commit.

Karl Oscar and Ki-Chi Parade Shirts

It was suggested all parade walkers should be in CLGNC shirts and they should be ordered and given to volunteers. The average number of volunteers at a parade are 20-30. Scott said the cost is approximately \$15, and he will talk to Rachel to see if there is a break with a bulk order and find out what the lead time is.

Middle School Connection

Jared talked briefly about conversations he has had at the middle school on volunteering with the GNC. They want to continue to move forward and will reach out to Chris S. to learn more about it.

High School Scholarship

Marlys updated the Board on the scholarship presentation that she and Chris S. attended. She said there were approximately 100 people there, and Chris presented information on the Club and Marlys presented information on the scholarship recipient. Someone was there broadcasting live who indicated he was interested in doing a splash promotion on the GNC

Celebration of the Lakes - ATV Ticket Sales

Marlys updated the Club on the Celebration of the Lakes 2025 ATV raffle saying they needed to purchase it pretty quick. It was anticipated five organizations would be selling tickets so they would all need to contribute on the cost and the permit needed to be purchased asap. Chris D. said the Rotary wanted to have it by Ki Chi days so tickets could be sold. The permit is only available six months in advance of an event, so it could be received by August. The Polars 450 would be purchased at cost from Stacy Hardware and perhaps additional discounts, so approximately \$6,000 was the expected price. Marlys talked about the Rotary still owing the Club \$1,751 from last year's ticket sales and will suggest that the Clubs share be rolled over for the purchase of the new ATV.

Triathlon Water Course Volunteers

The Club will be working the water course on Saturday, July 27, and will receive a \$1,000 donation. Marlys will get the information to Natasha to prepare a signup sheet for volunteers.

Adjourn

Scott made motion, Tim seconded, to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

“Chisago Lakes Good Neighbors club, through its resources and diverse membership, contributes to the needs and wellbeing of our communities through acts of kindness.”