

MINUTES

Chisago Lakes Good Neighbors Club
Thursday, May 12, 2022 @ 7 p.m.
Uncommon Loon

Call to order

President Chris Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Attendance

Maggie Schmitt	David Peck	Randy Berg
Bruce Meehan	Miranda Olson	Tammy Tonn
Lori Meehan	Chris DuBose	Tim Clark
Lisa Darr	Paula Hanson	Vicki Skarda
Rusty Hooks	Scott Ross	Chris Schneider
Dennis Kammerer	Natasha Zarich	Stephanie Schneider
Janet DuBose	Michele Jordet	
Shawn Dunne	Michele Lindau	

501(3)(c) Filing Update

Chris S. provided an update on the status of filing for non-profit. Marlys filed the paperwork online and was told it would take eight weeks; however, she was able to expedite it so hopefully we will have it sooner. It needs to be approved to open a bank account.

Logo update

The group reviewed some logo designs, mostly ones done using Canva software. Michele L. will share the link to the files with Tami T. and Michele J. It was asked that everyone contribute their ideas that will then be sent to the group for comments.

Website Update

Miranda has made the FaceBook page and website. She is having a problem with her new computer and emails, and she will continue to work with Dave P. Miranda wants to make sure it is authentic and done the right way prior to launch. The website is free but as soon as we start adding buttons to it, it will start to cost money. She said it was unlikely we will get the cldfc in the domain name, but she has purchased three others already that will work. It is likely to be clgoodneighbors.org and FaceBook will be Chisago Lakes Good Neighbors Club. Peck offered to provide some insight on how the donate pages work. Go fund me was mentioned but it was noted they take money, so donating directly to the club would be better. Chris S. said it needs to be quick and easy, and Scott R. said it was important to have the budget figured out for things like this.

Summer Parades

Shawn D. offered the use of his snowmobile trailer and a vehicle to use in parades. Chris S. was interested in making a trailer that can be used every year. Natasha Z. will work with Maggie S. to get the group signed up. Chris D. pointed out there is a cost to be in some of the parades.

Committee Roles

Chris S. gave a brief description of the committee roles and asked for volunteers. Committees were established as follows.

Activities Committee: Lori and Bruce Meehan, and Tim C., Michele L., Michele J., Maggie S, Rusty H., and Chair Natasha Z.

Membership Committee: Shawn D., Michele J, and Chair Christa L.

Public Relations Committee: Lindsay S., Chris S., Chris D., O. B., Scott R., and Chair Miranda O.

CLGNC Rocks

Lisa D. has been painting rocks with CLGNC on them and giving them out, particularly to those the CLGNC has assisted. She explained her process for painting rocks, and Chris S. suggested this could be an activity for the Activity Committee to consider.

Adopt a Drain Program

Chris S. had attended a meeting at the County where they presented the "Adopt a Drain" Program. He explained that debris going down the storm sewers adds phosphorus and algae to the lakes. The program involves taking care of a drain by sweeping up debris and weighing and reporting it. The drain can also be named. Chris suggested adopting a cluster of them and schedule a day for the group to go out and clean. The group can use a stencil of the logo to put on the drain. Signup can be done online. Chris will suggest to the group on which ones to adopt.

Cleanup Day Sign

Marlys D. is working with Chisago County Public Works about the sign for Adopt a Highway.

Big Grant Idea

Michele J. talked about the Big Idea Grant Program where a group can receive up to \$10,000 for civic minded projects. The deadline is December 2nd. Natasha is in charge of grants, and will look into it.

Random Acts of Kindness

Michele L. reminded everyone to be sure to let her know of acts of kindness activities so they can be recorded. She asked that they submit pictures. Chris S. will create a folder on DropBox to store them.

Upcoming Opportunities

Chris D. talked about possible upcoming activities for the group.

- Serving beer at the fire department during Karl Oscar Days by partnering with the Rotary on Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9, during the parade. The group will need to do a signup sheet if interested. It is hoped we will have shirts and banners by then.
- Rotary is planning a pollinators group to meet at 9 a.m. on May 21st at Turn Avenue.
- Frankie's needs help to serve beer at their bass tournament during Ki Chi Saga Days in August.

Miscellaneous Discussions

It was said that everyone should know the mission statement by heart.

It was agreed club meetings should start with the Pledge of Allegiance (need flag?)

Miranda O. talked about helping someone who is not able-bodied but wants to stay in their home. She said they could use help doing miscellaneous things and she will find out more info.

Paula H. talked about the loss of power during the storms at the assisted living facility she works at in Taylor Falls. There was no one able to evacuate the 17 residents. She questioned whether the CLGNC could go to that level. There was talk about the Good Samaritan Law protecting us. The group may eventually need to talk about insurance.

There was discussion on how to connect with those in need. Lori M. mentioned the prayer chains some churches have and questioned whether we could do something like that. It was said that opportunities will evolve over the years. Shawn suggested working with the county to have them contact the CLGNC if simple assistance is needed that does not warrant an officer. It was agreed the group needs to be the ones to fill in the gaps.

Next Meeting

There was another event going on in an adjacent area that made it difficult to hear. We will check to see if we are able to do the next meeting at the Loon but there has to be no other event going on. If so, Shawn D. offered to have the next meeting at his residence. Next meeting date will be June 9th at 7 p.m.

Items for Next Agenda

Parade

Logo

Adjourn

Maggie made motion, Chris seconded, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary Michele Lindau.