

MINUTES

Club Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Chisago Town Hall



Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance - President Chris S. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the group recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance – There were approximately 20 members present. A sign-up sheet was not done.

Approve New Club Member Craig Anderson - Michele L. made motion, Rob M. seconded, to approve Craig Anderson as a new member of the GNC. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Welcome New Members - The group welcomed members Alvin White, Donna Johnston, Edy Elliott, Sandy Hulke, Patti Anderson, and Craig Anderson to the GNC.

Approve Club Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2023 – Scott R. made motion, Natasha Z. seconded, to approve the Club meeting minutes for April 13, 2023, as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Accept Resignation of Board Member at Large Paula Hanson - It was announced that Paula Hanson had resigned her position as Board Member at Large due to other commitments.

Vote on Board Vacancies – Due to recent resignations, there were four Members at Large vacancies and a Communications Director vacancy. Chris S. announced Dennis K., Dana H., Lori B, and Trena M. were interested in being on the Board, and Natasha volunteered to be the new Communications Director. All Board Members present voted Aye.

Board Member Bios – Chris S. asked all Board Members to send their bios to Natasha, and he would be working with David Peck on a time to take photos.

Treasurer Report - Treasurer Marlys D. informed the Club it received \$3,100 from the Winter Plunge and donations from Zion Lutheran Church for \$50, Chisago Lakes Grill for \$50, and Thomas Rueters for \$1,000. The Club still owed the Rotary \$250 for the public dock donation. There was approximately \$7,800 in Club funds.

Karl Oskar Days Food at Street Dance - Marlys D. had been working on the necessary arrangements to sell burgers and brats at the KOD street dance on July 7. A food permit and inspections would be necessary. Food could be purchased from Duetschland Meats, and the Club agreed to purchase 200 burgers and 200 brats to sell. Miranda O. talked about the location saying the new fire hall did not have their Certificate of Occupancy, and the dance may still be at the old fire hall. Both locations would need to be on any permit application, and the location would not be known until close to the date. Chris S. asked about the health inspection process, and Marlys responded that it was easier than it sounded, and she believed it was achievable. Trena M. inquired on whether the Club could supply their own grills. Marlys commented that three would be needed: one for each meat and one to keep it warm. Scott R. commented on the lack of room to grill and said the details would need to be worked out. Chris S. talked about the need for Club dollars for parades, shirts, etc. He asked Natasha to put a volunteer sheet together. Approximately ten volunteers would be needed. The band would be from 7 p.m. – midnight. Food sales would be from 7-10 p.m. or earlier if food ran out.

Merchandise Sales/Payments - Chris S. acknowledged that credit card transaction had been an issue but the Club now had "Square" set up. Scott R. said he had been communicating with a new vendor located in North Branch that could do an online store, and purchases could be made directly from them. Products could be shipped to a home or picked up at their North Branch location. He was waiting on quotes for t-shirts, tank tops, light jackets, etc. This company was recommended by Mike from the Forest Lake Good Samaritans Club. Scott said he would send out an email as soon as he received pricing.

Activities Committee Update - Committee Chair Natasha Z. asked again for assistance from other Club members to take the lead on different activities.

Road Cleanup – The last road cleanup was done on May 21 and Chris S. commented that it gets easier every time. The Club will continue to do it twice a year.

Parades – Natasha requested someone step forward to take over the planning of parades. She said she had created a checklist and would assist anyone who wanted to take the lead. Committees were needed for the three parades (Karl Oskar Days, Ki-chi-saga Days, and Shafer Days). There needed to be a float design and new ideas. The Club would continue to do food drives and had all the signage for that. There needed to be a plan on where to meet. Natasha said she would send out a sign up. Chris S. said he would be around through June, and he had the trailer and a lot of stuff in his garage.

Fall Gala – Natasha said not much had been done on organizing the Fall Gala. The Committee will continue to work on one for the spring.

Membership Committee - Chair Lori B. announced the Club currently had 70 members with four being added this day. New members Alvin, Donna, and Craig were in attendance. A brief orientation was held ½ hour prior to the meeting.

Adopt A Grandparent Program Update – Dana H. said there were nine Club volunteers and four grandparent applicants. The committee was working on the process. Marlys D. talked about the volunteer folder and what would be going in it. She said the biggest problems was the pride of the seniors. The committee was planning events with seniors including the social gathering at Parmly scheduled for June 15 at Point Pleasant.

Parmley Gazebo Project– Marlys D. recalled last fall when the Club refurnished a gazebo at Parmly, and it was a huge success. The Knights of Columbus had asked the Club to join them at another gazebo project on June 3. Ten GNC volunteers participated. It was cleaned, gutted, stained, and the screens were replaced. A "Thank you" was received from the manager. Christa L. added that she worked her job at Parmly that day, and the residents were very appreciative and were already planning activities there. Natasha Z. said the post reached 900 people on Facebook. Chris S. commented there had been talk of removing the gazebo, but it took 3-4 hours for the group to save the building. Marlys D. said Frankies had donated spools of screen and would not take any money for them. She suggested giving them a shout out on Facebook.

Volunteer Opportunities

National Night Out - Ecumen at Point Pleasant was looking for volunteers for National Night Out in August. More information would be forthcoming.

Linnea Residential Home Company Picnic – They were looking for volunteers to help with games, serve food, carry plates for individuals, and help with clean up. The event was scheduled for Saturday, August 26 from noon to 3 p.m. More information would be sent to the Club if anyone wanted to volunteer.

Deck Project – Chris S. and Rob M. had inspected the deck and said it was not in bad shape, just one questionable board. One power washing should suffice, and Chris said it could possibly be done on Friday, June 16 and assessed on Saturday or Sunday to see if it was ready to stain. About six-seven volunteers were needed.

Parmly move – Marly said she had received a call from a resident who was looking for help on Tuesday to move someone to a Point Pleasant Apartment. A few guys would be needed, and Chris S. said he would put the information on Groupme.

Acts of Kindness Christa L. drew Donna Johnson's name from the Act of Kindness jar. Donna had helped move small trees out of an elderly neighbor's garden. Christa encouraged everyone to look for random acts of kindness to do.

Miscellaneous Discussion Items

Mike Kaiser – Scott R. announce the Mike from the Forest Lake Good Samaritan Club was in a bad accident on Highway 8 in Shafer and was now out of the hospital. Mike had been prepping for the upcoming Grandma's Marathon, and Scott asked that people reach out to him.

Raffles – Rusty H. talked about possibly doing raffles at local establishments to raise money. Miranda O. said she would check on the gambling permit.

Rubber Ducky Races – Christa L. suggested the Club members get together and have a competition within the group to raise money.

Social Outing – Lori B. suggested having a pontoon party as another social event. It was agreed that another event needed to be scheduled.

Next Meeting – The next Board meeting was scheduled for July 13 and the next Club meeting for August 10. Both meetings would start at 6 p.m. at the Chisago Lakes Town Hall.

Adjournment – Marlys D. made motion, Rob M. seconded, to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary Michele Lindau.