

AGENDA

Board Meeting
Thursday, July 13, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Chisago Lakes Town Hall



Chisago Age Well Collation - Board Member Leilani Freeman talked about their need for two more board members saying a valuable collaboration could take place. The Collation is made up of several groups who work with older adults. Board members serve three-year terms, and they currently meet once a month but may switch to every other month. There is also a virtual option for attendance. They are looking to have someone appointed in January. The Collation does not do any selling, only outreach. Their next event is on August 2 at the library. Marlys said she needed to get 50 cards from the Age Well Collation for the Adopt a Grandparent folders. The GNC will be attending the Age Well event on October 20. Leilani will be added to the next Club meeting agenda. Marlys suggested contacting Kim L. or Joan T. to see if they may be interested in being on the Age Well Collation.

Call to Order

Vice President Scott R. called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Attendance

Vice President Scott Ross
Treasurer Marlys Dunn
Fundraising Director Natasha Zarich
Secretary Michele Lindau
Member at Large Robert Morrison
Member at Large Tim Clark Trena Morrison
Member at Large Dennis Kammerer
Member at Large Lori Bestler
Member at Large Dana Helm

Vote in New Members Natasha made motion, Dana seconded, to approve new members Joe Helm and Kelly and Brian Marquart.

Board Members Bios and Pictures – Scott R. reminded Board Members to send in their bios and pictures for the website.

Sponsorships – Scott Ross said the sponsorship letter will be in Dropbox. Dennis K. felt it was important to share with potential sponsors what the Club is doing with the money. Sponsor info needs to be put on shirts and website. There was discussion on the need to focus on how money goes back into the community by showing what has already been done. Money has been used for parades and awareness campaigns. Marlys D. clips all Club articles from the newspapers, Michele L. keeps a list of all events, and Natasha Z. posts events on the blog and on GroupMe. Chris S. gets notification of donations through the website, and the money goes to Treasurer Marlys D.

Treasurer Update – Treasures Marlys D. provided information on recent transactions and an updated on the Karl Oskar Days food booth. She said the Club would have raised \$2,700 if all had been sold. The Club ended up with expenses of \$1,300 and only \$583 in sales. There was a lot of meat left over to sell to volunteers. She said the Fire Department and Rotary acknowledged the Clubs loss and Rotary member Chris D. was working with them on a three-way split of the event proceeds. It was discussed that the band cover was too much to pay in addition to buying food. There was also no advertisement of the food stand. Marlys provided an update on the parade expenses. More “helping” hands were purchased, float paint, and wristbands equaled \$450. It was noted that the float was still at Brett Peterson’s, and Trena M. offered to put it in the Morrison garage. Natasha Z. talked about being eligible to apply for grants from work since she was on the Board and volunteering. Scott added that members

of the local fire departments have told him the Club needs to ask for more money. Lori B. said they received \$9 in donations at Harmony in the Park, and it was said there was \$66 in the tip jar at the Karl Oskar Days food booth. There was a discussion on needing to do a “shout-out” to those that donated to maintain relationships. “Thank you” cards will be printed with the Club logo to send also. Scott R. set up an account for merchandise orders. The cost of set up was \$65.

Adopt a Grandparent Program Update – Marlys D. informed the Board that the AGAP committee met last Thursday, and one more senior that was matched with Maggie S. She ordered 50 folders for volunteers and grandparents that she will pick up on Friday.

Upcoming Events/Acts of Kindness Opportunities

- Zion Church Community Meal – The Club has volunteered to serve on August 7, and 10-12 volunteers are needed. Natasha is coordinating it with Patti at Zion, and there needed to be a conversation with her if the Club wanted to have a booth there. Volunteers are responsible for bringing desserts. Zion would like to have the Club on a six-week schedule. Scott added that the September 18, 2023, event is outside, and there needed to be a discussion on having a booth.
- AGventures at Chisago County Fair - They are looking for volunteers for July 20-23. Marlys D. noted this is not a GNC commitment, but she had volunteered last year and it was a fun event.
- Center City Days – It is scheduled for July 28-30. Marlys said there had been talk about the Club volunteering for the Grandpa run on Saturday, July 29, but she had not heard back from them. The Club did not participate in Center City Days last year and it was agreed to not participate this year. Dana H. suggested that in the future the Club may want to have a table with an activity like rock painting. Marlys D. suggested getting it on the flyers as an event.
- National Night Out at Ecumen – Ecumen was asking for volunteers for National Night Out, Tuesday August 1. They would need 6-10 people to help with activities.
- Twin Cities Live Show – They will be broadcasting from the Northern August 3 and were asking if they could set up an interview with someone from the club. Natasha Z. said she would find out what they were looking for and get it set up.
- Ki-Chi-Saga Days – The Club had agreed to do the parade on Sunday, August 20. Trena M. will purchase more wristbands. If 1,900 are purchased, the cost would be \$300. Natasha Z. will look into purchasing tattoos. The “helping” hands at the last parade were a hit and will be done again. Scott R. noted that folks from Parmly will be along the route.
- Handyman Work – a resident had reached out looking for handyman work. It was believed he lived in Shafer. Natasha will work on contacting him.
- Home Improvement Request – An individual was asking for significant help, which may be out of scope for the Club. Scott R. said he would be ok with giving out some contact info and suggested the Club have a list contractors can get on if they become a sponsor and offer a discount.
- Parmly Gazebo Door – There was a question whether Chris S. fixed the gazebo door. Scott R. will check with Chris when he gets back in town.

Miscellaneous Discussion

- Membership Fees – There was a question as to whether the Club should start charging a membership fee. It would be a way to clean up the list of members that do not participate. The Club decided against it at this time.
- Bylaw Amendments – There was discussion on cleaning up the bylaws. Michele L. will have the proposed amendments at the next meeting for discussion.
- Support for Local Family – There was discussion on how the Club could help a local family who was members of the GNC. They are always willing to help with events, and are now going through some medical issues. Discussions will continue.
- Action Items – The group requested Michele L. to get an action item list out to the Board ASAP after the meetings.

Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on September 14, 2023, and likely contain a lot of recaps. The next GNC Club Meeting will be held Thursday, August 10, 2023.

Natasha Z. made motion, Michele L. seconded, to adjourn at 7:48. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary Michele Lindau

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