

# MINUTES

Club Meeting

Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Chisago Town Hall

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**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** -24 people were in attendance

Shelley Lindau	Wendy Frantsen
Bruce Meehan	Sharon O'Grady
Lori Meehan	Shannon Crittenden
Alvin White	Sheila Nysse
Dennis Kammerer	Ashley Nysse (guest)
Chris Schneider	Kelly Marquardt (guest)
Chris DuBose	Marcia Boline
Mara Krinke (guest)	Pat Onstad
Christa Lerfald	Brad Mattson
Rob Lindeman	Lori Bestler
Dana Helm	Patti Anderson
Marly Dunne	Craig Anderson

**Approve and Welcome New Club Members** - Dana H. made motion, Marlys D. seconded, to vote in new members Shannon Crittenden, Sheila Nysse, and Sharon O'Grady

**Approve Club Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2023** - Marcia B. made motion, Lori B. seconded, to approve the minutes for the Club meeting held on June 8, 2023. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Chisago Age Well Partnership and Board Vacancies** - Leilani Freeman from the Age Well Collation provided information on Chisago Age Well explaining they were a non-profit that was created to better serve older adults. There were currently three vacancies on their board, and she invited anyone from the CLGNC to attend a meeting. She talked about the need for people to help set up on Thursday afternoon and cleanup on Friday at the Age Well Expo on October 20 at the Chisago Lakes High School. They expect 30-40 exhibitors. They will be adding the CLGNC to their Quick Book Directory.

**Chisago Lakes Rotary Update** – Chris D. and president of the CL Rotary Mara Krinke presented the CLGNC a check for \$1,000 from the Karl Oskar Days dance proceeds where the Club sold hot dogs and brats. The Rotary recognized the CLGNC lost money on this event and wanted to show their appreciation of the Club and its new energy. Chris S. added that he liked the idea of getting all organizations together.

**Treasurer Update** – Treasurer Marlys D. began by apologizing for grabbing the wrong notebook when she left the house and not having all the numbers. She talked about selling the remaining product from the KOD dance to recoup some of the money and said she appreciated the help from the Rotary. The Club will be receiving a \$1,500 donation from Natasha's place of employment. Recently, there had been minor expenses for bracelets for parades.

**Adopt a Grandparent Program Update**– Marly D. updated the group on the folders for the program saying she hoped to have the updated information from the County Lakes and Pines soon to include in the folders. Plans were being made for another gazebo party, and she hoped the Klondikes would be returning.

**National Night Out at Ecumen Point Pleasant** - Marlys D. provided a recap of the National Night Out Event where six CLGNC volunteers attended to help check in residents and hand out food and water. It was originally intended to be outdoors; however, the rain brought the event inside.

**Karl Oskar Days** – Chris S. provided a short recap on the Karl Oskar Days Parade and asked if there was anything that should be changed for the next parade. Lori M. suggested brainstorming on how to hand out the bracelets to get them to go farther. For the KOD parade, 1,900 bracelets had been purchased. Trena recently purchased 3,000 for nearly the same cost for the Ki-Chi Saga Days Parade. There was talk about the big “helping hand” gloves being a hit and capturing what the Club is about. Marlys stated about 110 pounds of food and approximately \$250 was collected. She said the Food Shelf prefers the Club purchase food from their list to donate instead of cash.

**Harmony in the Park** - Lori B. and Marcia B. operated the booth at the Harmony in the Park during their non-profit day on July 12, 2023. Lori stated approximately ten flyers were distributed, and Marcia commented that it was good exposure for the Club.

**Zion Church Community Meal** – The Club volunteered at the Zion Church Community Meal on August 8. Chris S. informed the group a record was broke by serving 287 people, and he said it was amazing that many people can be served in two and a half hours. Dana H. suggested next time asking if the Club could put up table-tents to let people know who the GNC is, and Pattie suggested using brochures too. Chris stated he had received an anonymous donation of \$100.

**Membership Committee Update** - Chair Lori B. stated there were currently 75 members of the GNC. She talked about the member orientation that was done a half hour before the Club meeting to help new members feel connected right away. She hoped to get more members on the Committee to make sure all members are plugged in.

**Merchandise Update** – Chris S. informed the group the website was up and running to order merchandise saying it could take a few weeks for stuff to come in, so plan ahead.

### **Upcoming Events/Volunteer Opportunities**

Family Pathway’s - They need drivers to deliver meals. They recently lost one of theirs. Two days a month, drivers would deliver to five residents living in the Chisago, Shafer, and Taylor Falls area. Natasha will be asked to put the contact information on the website.

Ki-Chi-Saga Days – The parade is on August 20. Chris S. will be getting information out on the time and meeting place.

Adopt A Highway – The Fall Cleanup will be sometime in November. There was discussion on whether to adopt another road and talk about doing a cleanup of different areas of Chisago each month.

Trick or Treat on Main Street – Members agreed this was a fun event last year and should be done again. More information will be forthcoming.

Thanksgiving – Chris S. asked members to brainstorm on ideas for a Thanksgiving event.

Holiday Mugs – Members agreed to do this again this year. Kelly Marquardt said she and her husband sell Christmas trees in the lot next to Nick and Drews and often give free or discounted trees to families who are financially burdened. Last year, Lori M. collected boughs for the holiday mugs and asked Kelly if they could donate some this year. Kelly indicated they could. The idea for the mugs came from GNC member Kim who will be asked to coordinate it again this year.

Christmas Caroling – Rusty H. was in charge of Christmas Caroling last year and will coordinate it again this year. Members agreed it was a lot of fun.

Rock Painting – Lori M. talked about the rock painting that was started by Lisa Darr who has since moved away. These rocks were used as a “calling card” to folks who received acts of kindness from the club. Lori M. offered to start it up again if people thought it was a good idea. There was a suggestion to paint the CLGNC logo on the rocks. Christa L. talked about the kindness rock garden at Stacy Park and wondered if the Club could do that at Paradise Park. There was also discussion of putting up a table at events to have kids paint rocks. Lori and Christa will take the lead on rock painting.

Zion Church Event – Zion will hold an outside event on September 18 and will need help setting up and taking down. There was discussion about having a booth and painting rocks at this event. There was also discussion about the next meal, and there was a suggestion to do it on October 30 and dress in costume or do the November 6 meal. It was agreed to do November 6. Natasha will schedule.

**Acts of Kindness** – Christa L. drew Patti A.’s name from the Act of Kindness Jar. Patti shared that she offered to help pay for someone’s groceries at Aldis. Christa presented her with a plant. Chris S. reminded everyone what the Club is all about doing random acts of kindness throughout your day-to-day life.

Christa talked about needing someone who is good at typing to type up all the random acts of kindness. Sheila N. offered to help.

**Miscellaneous Discussion** – Patti suggested doing something over the holidays in the same location as the tree sales. Lori talked about a mitten donation tree. This will be added to October’s agenda.

**Next Meeting** - The next Board meeting will be on September 14, and the next Club meeting on October 12. Setting the date for the Highway Cleanup will be on the next agenda.

Lori M. made motion, Lori B. seconded, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.