

MINUTES

Board Meeting
Thursday, September 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Chisago Lakes Town Hall



Call to Order by Secretary Shelley Lindau at 6:15 p.m.

Attendance – Six Board Members were in attendance:

Dana Helm
Dennis Kammerer
Chris Schneider (Phone)
Shelley Lindau
Lori Bestler
Tim Clark

Approve Board Minutes for July 13, 2023 - Dana made motion, Lori seconded to approve the Minutes for the Board meeting held on July 13, 2023. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Approve New Club Members – Michele made motion, Dana seconded, to approve Erica Arias as a new member of the GNC. All Ayes. Motion carried. Lori had set up orientation for the following evening.

Treasurer Update – In the absence of Treasurer Marlys D., Shelley provided a brief update. Marlys's email was hacked, so she was unable to get into the banking information. She recently paid \$30 for a booth at the upcoming Wellness Expo, and approximately \$254 was paid out to help a family with school supplies. There is another grant opportunity through the Chisago Lakes Area Foundation. Marlys will find out when the application deadline is if there is any interest from the Club.

Adopt a Grandparent Program Update- The Committee was still waiting for updated flyers for folders. Once they are received, Dana will put them together. Another meeting of the Committee needed to be scheduled. Age Well Collation was looking for a Volunteer Board Member and it was suggested to contact Joan T.

Membership Update - Craig and Lori B. had been contacting those who have not participated to see if they were still interested in being a Club member and, if so, try to get them involved. Seventeen people on the list had not participated at all. Lori stated she had talked to staffers at Jakes on the Lake to schedule another happy hour on a Thursday, and the date suggested was November 16. Lori will contact them to see if that will work, and it will be added to the October Club agenda.

Upcoming Events/Acts of Kindness Opportunities

Zion 10th Anniversary Dinner – The event is scheduled for Sunday, September 17. Setup is at 4 p.m. The Club needed to provide a headcount of volunteers. A minimum of four were needed. Information will be sent out by Natasha. Dana will pick up the stuff for the booth.

Age Well Expo – The event is scheduled for Friday, October 20. The booth has been reserved. Chris will get the information to Natasha so she can send out a signup sheet.

Trick or Treat on Main Street - The event is scheduled for Friday, October 27. Natasha will need to order two more packs of glow sticks. Marlys D. will find out where to meet. Chris will bring tents and animatronics. There was a question on whether to do the wheel. It was decided it should be discussed at the membership meeting.

Gazebo Social - This will need to be planned for the spring.

Adopt a Highway Cleanup – A date needed to be scheduled for cleanup, and October 15 after church was selected with October 22 as a backup date. Natasha will be asked to send out a signup and put the information in the newsletter.

Christmas Mugs – An organizing committee needed to be established. Kim had indicated she was on board again. The selected date to create the mugs was Sunday, December 17. There was discussion about getting the greenery from Markquarts. This will be on the next Club agenda for discussion.

Christmas Caroling – Shelley was pretty certain Rusty will be leading this again this year but will check with him. It was decided to keep it pretty “chill”.

Ramp Project – The ramp was picked up and delivered to the home. Denny suggested meeting at the home on Saturday morning. Tim said he could meet him there, and they discussed what was needed to get the project done. Lori B. explained she found the ramp on MarketPlace for \$300. The seller donated it after hearing the story of the woman who wanted to get back in her home after surgery, but was unable to until the ramp was installed. Chris S. will put something out on the GroupMe app to meet at the house at 8 a.m. He also added that there was a lot that needed to be done to the home, and perhaps the Club could provide her resource information. A “Thank you” card needed to be sent to the donor of the ramp.

Miscellaneous Discussion

Thank You Cards - There was a decision to add the Mission Statement to the thank you cards and order 100 of them. At the next Club meeting, the members will be asked if anyone should be getting a card.

Zion Meals – Patty from Zion Church will be contacted to see if the Club has committed to any Monday night meals. It was suggested that maybe only doing meals twice a year. Chris S. said a solid commitment from members was needed prior to signing up. Dana will follow up with Zion.

Donation Letters – Requests for donations will be sent to the three Fire Departments. Marly D. has written the letter, and it is ready to send.

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be a Club Meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2023. There was a suggestion to talk about planning and bylaws at the next Board meeting as well as member engagement and Gala planning. Lori M. will be asked about the rock project.

Adjournment – Shelley L. made motion, Tim C. seconded, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.



Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary Shelley 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.”