

AGENDA

Board Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Chisago Lakes Town Hall



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Attendance

President Chris Schneider

Vice-President Scott Ross

Secretary Shelley Lindau

Treasurer Marlys Dunne

Communication Director Natasha Zarich

Member at Large Dana Helm

Member at Large Rochelle Hernandez

Member at Large Craig Anderson

Member at Large Trena Morrison

Vote in New Member

Natasha made motion, Shelley seconded, to vote in new member Phillipe Ledoux . All Ayes.

Motion carried.

Treasurer Update

Marlys D. reported that the current balance in the checkbook was \$15,881. Recent transactions were a reimbursement of \$1,000 for coffee pots, check received for \$1,500 from the triathlon, payment to Copy Pro for \$145, and a check was received for \$460 that is thought to be from CenterPointe (Natasha's employer). Year to date raised for Family Pathways was \$2,213 in cash, 2,535 pounds of food, and an estimated \$300 from the mitten tree. The annual storage fee will be due early in 2026.

Adopt a Senior Update

Marlys D. reported that the current balance in the check was \$4,372. Recent transactions included \$120 for printing. Folders are complete but need more for upcoming Expo on October 17. The next meeting AaS meeting will be on Monday, October 13 at 6 p.m. There was a need for more GNC members to volunteer; three people needed to be matched up. There was a suggestion to post October's committee meeting on the GNC GroupMe and to focus the next GNC meeting icebreaker on Aas. Marlys had concerns on the committee becoming too big since the meeting took place at her home, so an alternate space may be needed. Natasha will post Aas activities in the newsletter. Marlys will include Natasha when sending out Aas meeting notes.

Membership Update

There was a discussion on a fully online application process rather than attachment of applications. Natasha will explore options with technology.

Upcoming Club Events

- Shafer Bank Robbery will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 13. The GNC actor's guild recently met to practice for the reenactment. Natasha will post something on the website to encourage people to attend.
- Zion Community Meal will be held on September 29, 2025. Natasha reported that there were enough volunteers.

- Adopt a Highway Cleanup will take place Sunday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. Chris S. will bring the grill and hotdogs to grill afterward. Marlys will not be able to attend but will get the vests and garbage bags and put them in the storage unit with the grabbers. casual grill-out together.
- Age Well event will be at the High School on Friday, October 17. Volunteers should be covered with the Adopt a Senior committee members.
- Holiday Mug Making is scheduled for Sunday, December 14. Natasha has secured the Chisago Town Hall for that day. A committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22. Shelley, Lori, and Beth
- Trick or Treat on Main Street is scheduled for Friday, October 24. The Board decided to participate again. There is no fee to register, but it was expected candy for the event to cost around \$450. Marlys will find out how to register for the event.
- Celebration of the Lakes has not been scheduled. Marlys announced the Chamber Board is undergoing major reorganization The Board discussed whether the Club should participate and if it should carry on with the Candlelight Walk, Turkey Bowling, and Dodgeball outside of the Chamber event. There was a question of partnering with Wild River Snowmobile Club if they were planning on continuing with the radar run.

Recap of Past Events

The only comment on past events was the Root Beer Floats for Seniors. The event went well except the canopy blew over in the wind.

Social Night Discussion

The Board discussed social gatherings which can take place after meetings or separately. At one social gathering, the Club had its banner, which gathered interest. This would allow the Club to share their message and event information like the mitten tree and mugs. Buttons could be handed out. It was decided to hold a Social at Scooters on Wednesday, November 5 if the bar was available. Scott will check, and Natasha will send out notice.

Laminator Purchase

The Board approved the purchase. The Board acknowledged it would get used. Natasha will look into the purchase.

Merchandise Sales

Scott reported that the supplier still had the program in beta testing and will know at the end of the month if other stuff can be added to the site.

Acts of Kindness

Natasha talked about wanting to post acts of kindness on Facebook and difficulty in getting people to post theirs. Shelley offered to type all the past ones gathered at meetings. Natasha will get what she has to her and Shelley will ask Christa for the others.

Club Logo on Mugs

There did not seem to be enough interest in purchasing the necessary 24, and there was a question as to whether they would be cheaper at Copy Pro. It was discussed that the mugs could be kept on hand to sell and use for raffles, perhaps getting your name into a drawing when you volunteer. Scott will ask Cathy at Copy Pro for a quote.

Sponsorship Letters

Marlys reported that she had the draft done but needed a reason for the money request and how much to ask for. Chisago City specifically asks what the money is for. There were suggestions on volunteer appreciation, doing meals for holidays, or something veteran focused. Marlys will check with her contacts at the City to see what they would accept. It was asked for members to think of ideas and share them in the next few weeks.

Tea Party at Parmly

Christa was working on the preplanning and not asking anything from the Club yet.

Mitten Tree

Lori was working on the mitten tree that will be at the Loon in December.

Suggestion Box

At the last Club meeting, a member asked about having a suggestion box. The Board agreed it would be a good idea and talked about having a different theme at each meeting or putting categories on the cards. Scott will get a box, and Chris will get cards or ask Christa if she has some.

Thank You's

Thank yous needed to be sent to the Takle Box for supplying ice crème for the root beer floats, Lakes Area Canvas for putting grommets in the Volunteer of the Year award sign for the float, and to Dennis K. for putting shelves in the storage shed. Shelley will get those sent out, and cards will be brought to the Board meetings to fill out in the future

Food Drive

The Board suggested some type of food drive for the holidays, similar to what Jeri does for the March food share. It was suggested to see if a member wants to own that for the holidays. There was discussion on other organizations that do food drives such as Family Pathways or Salvation Army the Club could piggyback on.

Fund From the Disbanded Yellow Ribbon Network

The Club was given \$3,400 from the YRN. Chris D. had volunteered to be at Coffee Talk to see how to spend the YRN money. There was a suggestion on using the money to purchase bricks for the memorial in Lindstrom for veterans.

Sign at old Merdees (Dinner Bell)

The Jetpack sign was still up and there was suggestion on getting the Clubs sign there, possible with the hotline number. Marlys will email the new owner to see what his thoughts are on that.

Upcoming Meetings

- Membership Meeting October 9, 2025
- Board Meeting November 13, 2025

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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