

MINUTES

Board Meeting

Thursday, July 7, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Chisago Lakes Town Hall



Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at approximately 6 p.m.

Attendance

Chris S.
Natasha
Scott
Marlys
Bruce
Lori
Shelley
Chris D.
Rochell

Vote in New Members

The Board approved new members Wendy and Tom O'Leary.

Treasurer Update

Marlys reported that recent expenditures were \$225 for float banners, \$200 for website fees, approximately \$700 for candy, and \$500 for the scholarship. Marlys still has approximately \$400 that no one seems to know where it came from. The Board agreed to split it between the Food Shelf and the GNC.

Adopt a Senior Update

Marlys reported that the Committee recently did a Fourth of July craft for the seniors. Three new seniors were identified and follow-ups were assigned for them.

Membership Update

Rochell reported that she still had some buttons and pens. Shelley had cleaned up the application and will send welcome letters via email to new members and copy the Board on emails.

Activities Update

- **Karl Oscar Parade July 11** - The float has new banners and the sun will be used again. There are approximately six pairs of white hands and 18' of fringe for the float. The GNC has leftover orange backpacks that will be use to carry candy and wristbands to hand out during the parade. Another idea was to use them for swag bags at the next annual meeting. Family Pathways will allow the club to use their shopping cart, and they want to get the donations back within a week of the parade instead of waiting until the Ki Chi parade was over. There was discussion on where to store the food after the parade. An idea for future parades was to put GNC members' handprints on the poly on the front of the cart. Natacha noted that there were not many walkers since many are walking with either Chris D. or Marlys for their campaign.
- **Chisago Lakes Triathlon July 25** – There is a need for more pontoons for the water patrol. Triathlon organizers Bill and Many offered \$500 in addition to the \$1,500 if the Club helped set out the buoys again this year on Thursday, July 23rd from 4-6 p.m. Volunteer night is also that evening.

- **Harmony in the Park MN Nice Night July 29** – Lori will be there to do the setup for the GNC booth. Scott said he would help, and Chris D. may be able to as well.
- **National Night Out August 4** – six to eight volunteers are needed for NNO at Ecumen Point Pleasant from 5:45 until around 8 p.m.
- **Shafer Days September 12** – There was some discussion on how to get audience participation to dress up for the 1920's, perhaps by purchase hats for the kids. Marlys will confirm the sheriff's presence at the reenactment. Chris S. will set a date for practice.
- **The Great Community Tailgate September 24, 2026** – Chris explained that the GNC was partnering with the Rotary and Chisago Lakes Area Community Fund for a fundraiser. All money raised through GNC basket donations will go to the GNC. Money raised through ticket sales will go to the Community Fund. This will be on the agenda for the next GNC Club meeting in August.
- **Zion Community Meal** – The next one is in September. Jeri has more information.

Insurance

Scott had reached out to Mike from the FL Good Samaritans and was waiting for a call back on insurance questions. Mars received a quote from Empire at \$2,500 annual premium. There was a discussion on creating a waiver for members to sign, perhaps including it on the membership form.

Valkomann Apartments Request for TLC

There was discussion about doing the sign this fall and the weeding in the spring. Shelley and Lori will check it out. Marlys explained that the apartments are low-income and the majority are seniors. The City of Lindstrom has a Board that oversees it and said they would pay for supplies and provide lunch.

Veteran Bricks

Dana was working on this.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Chris explained that there were 70+ beds to be made. The GNC has committed to providing some labor. The Board will be considering a small cash donation, perhaps matching the Rotary's.

Celebration of the Lakes

Friends of Allemansrätt Park did the Candlelight Walk last year. There was a question as to whether the Club should take it back, and there was consensus that it could be done as a joint effort.

Succession Planning

There was discussion about getting more youth involved and one thought was to create a Youth Member-at-large position on the Board. This will be put on the next Club meeting agenda for discussion.

Board Members

Chris talked about his position as President on the Board. No decision has been made by him.

Upcoming Meetings

There was discussion on the schedule for Club meetings. There seems to be fewer attendees, especially in the summer, and there is a need for more interaction. This will be put on the next Club meeting agenda for discussion.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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.”