

MINUTES

Board Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Chisago Lakes Town Hall (outside)



Call to Order - President Chris S.

Nathasha made motion, Dana seconded, to call the meeting to order at 6:07p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Attendance

President Chris Schneider

Vice President Scott Ross

Treasurer Marlys Dunne

Secretary Shelley Lindau

Communications Director Natasha Zarich

Member at Large Dennis Kammerer

Member at Large Tim Clark

Member at Large Dana Helm

Member at Large Trena Morrison

Guest Lorraine Swenson

Approve Minutes for the July 11, 2024, Board Meeting

Dana made motion, Natasha seconded, to approve the Board meeting minutes for July 11, 2024, as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Vote in New Members

Natasha made motion, Dana seconded, to approved Kifah Abdi, Byron and Pam Griffin, and Steve Aldofson as new Club members. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Update - Marlys D.

There was currently \$6,108 in the bank account. The Club purchased 50 more coffee pots. A check was received from Du Tri for \$1,000 for the Club's participation in the water course event at the triathlon in July. Marlys said she received positive feedback from Du Tri, and they want the GNC back next year if the City approves the permit. Candy for the Ki Chi parade was \$130. Chris S. had some outstanding expenses. Lori M. also had expenses for the upcoming bank robbery reenactment. Natasha was waiting to be reimbursed for parade handouts. Some handouts were paid for by card. Adopt a Grandparent had \$4,263 in the bank account. Recent expenses were Harmony in the Park and \$450 for the canopy.

Membership Committee – (Lori B. provided her update to Dana)

Lori has meet with Rochell and Jeri to discuss social hour. They will be organizing one soon. Tom and Leslie Paulus have joined the membership committee and will be doing the greeting at the meetings. Leslie has typed up the random acts of kindness.

Activities Committee & Communications – Natasha Z.

Natasha will be sending out the newsletter with upcoming events. She will be doing communication through the blog. Scott will be getting a large t-shirt for Shane Elmer and one for Marlys. Scott said the supply of shirts was good but not hats. He will see if he can get the vendor so show up at the next meeting. There was discussion on getting sweatshirts for purchase. Natsha will put information in the newsletter on how to purchase merchandise. There was a suggestion to get more decal stickers. In the past, Cathy from Copy Pro had given the Club some for free that were made with

scraps she had. Scott will ask Cathy about stickers.

Age well Expo - Friday, October 18 from 9-1. \$30.

Marlys will sign up the Club to participate. The cost is \$30. Around six volunteers are needed throughout the day; some need to arrive at 8:30 a.m. for set up. Marlys said she would be there. Scott talked about putting a PowerPoint on a TV, but there was a question about power. The wheel needs to be inspected to see what can be fixed, and maybe use that. Marlys will work on replacement pieces. Marlys will see if more flyers are needed and will order them.

Adopt a Senior Program

There are flyers with the tear offs to post around town. There was a request for a paid volunteer for a senior. Marlys will talk to Janet. Game night is having a positive impact at Parmly.

Coffee Pot Sales

Craig said not many replicas were sold at Ki Chi. It seems the market is saturated, and they are not close to raising all the money needed for the steam. There was a grant applied for. The bags, inserts, and printing costs needed to be covered by the City, which ate up some of the profits. There was discussion on donating the Club's profits to the city, and there was a suggestion to perhaps donate a portion. It was decided to wait and see if they got the grant. Scott will find out where they are on the grant.

ATV Raffle Ticket Sales

The Club sold over five books at the booth at Ki Chi. The Club has ten books checked out. Other organizations have tickets too. Mars will get more before the next club meeting. The Chamber still had the Club's \$1,751 from its sales last year that will be going into this raffle.

Discussion on GNC Storage and YRN Offer – Lorraine S.

The Chicago Lakes Yellow Ribbon Network is disbanding. Lorraine was a member of the YRN and had informed the group they wished to donate what they have to other non-profits and keep the money in the community. The YRN is waiting for input from the state on rules and how they hand over assets. Lorraine will follow up with the Attorney General's office. They know the GNC is interested in the storage unit located over by Arby's. Scott will reach out to the other storage spot in Lindstrom. Chris said he will still have storage for outdoor things, not inside storage. Members expressed the desire to keep everything in one spot.

Discussion/Update on Grant Application

The Chisago Lakes Community Foundation was giving out \$35,000 in grant funding. Leslie had submitted an application for \$3,500, which is the maximum awarded to a single non-profit. Winners of the grant had not yet been revealed.

Shafer Reenactment - Saturday, September 14

The GNC banner will be displayed. Natasha did a Facebook and blog. The Club is using their old script, just adding new blood. Bigger changes may come in following years. Lori M. created a wonderful backdrop for the set. Rusty is narrating. The Club will bring its banners in hopes of keeping them up. Music from the 1920's will be played. Set up time is 10:30 a.m.

Zion Dinner - Monday, October 21

Volunteers are needed for the Zion Dinner on October 21st. Natasha will have information in the newsletter. There was discussion on advertising the GNC at the dinner. The Club had not been allowed to do that in the past but is hoping there is an opportunity to do that again. The Club flyer is on their bulletin board, but it may be old. It will be a good spot for the flyer with the tear off.

Trick or Treat on Main Street – Friday, October 25

The event takes place from 4-6 p.m. It is hoped the weather will be warmer this year. There is no registration fee because the GNC is a member. There was a discussion on giveaways. Marlys will get a count on glowsticks. The Board

decided to do candy and give away the rest of the glow sticks. Chris will try to get the animatronics to use at the event. The canopy will be used and the spinning wheel if it is in good shape.

Parmly Chapel Painting

There are upcoming events in the chapel, and it needs to be painted in the next month. The pastor is working on getting a budget for supplies. Knights of Columbus are partnering with the GNC. There is a need for scaffolding or a small lift, and there was a suggestion of asking Frankies Hardware to donate the rental. The walls are very dirty and may need to wash. Marlys said she would check to see if the paint will cover the marks left over from pictures and candles. Chris S. has a sprayer and mixer, maybe large enough to mix all the different paints together. The Board selected the weekend of October 19-20. It was suggested to prep and clean during the week. Marlys will check with the Knights to schedule a meeting. The Board agreed to kick in some money to cover some costs, but no amount had been set.

Adopt a Highway Cleanup

The Board chose Sunday, October 13th at 10 a.m. for the road cleanup. The Club will be updated at the October 10th Club meeting. Natasha will include the info in the newsletter.

Discussion on Assisting Tim C.'s Neighbor

Tim explained that his neighbor has issues dealing with addition. His house caught on fire when he fell asleep. Tim recently talked to him. He is trying to straighten up his yard and is needing funding for a dumpster. There was a suggestion to see if a sanitation place would donate one. He has a pontoon boat and trailer with a broken axle he needs to get rid of. He has the junk in his yard sorted. It is mostly construction materials, some foam insulation. There was discussion on getting him a dumpster and maybe being able to have it donated to the Club as a 501c(3). Chris offered to go over there next week with Tim to see what was needed. If it is reasonable to get a dumpster, Tim will ask for a vote from the Board on GroupMe for approval.

Weeding Project

Janet in Lindstrom was looking at having some members at her house at 8 a.m. the following day to pull weeds in the backyard. Marly, Tim and Shelley volunteered.

Mitten Tree at the Loon

This will be discussed further with input from Lori Meehan.

Holiday Mugs

The Club needs a place to put together holiday mugs. Natasha will check to see if the Chisago Lakes Town Hall is available on the 14 or 15th of December or the weekend before. Marlys still has a \$150 gift card from Family Pathways to put towards the mugs.

Shelley made motion, Dana seconded, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared 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.”