

# AGENDA

Club Meeting  
Thursday, August 14, 2025  
6:00 p.m.  
Chisago Lakes Town Hall

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## **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

President Chris S. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **Attendance and Introductions**

Marlys Dunne	Shelley Lindau
Chris Dubose	Scott Ross
Bruce Meehan	Trena Morrison
Lori Meehan	Natasha Zarich
Craig Anderson	Rochelle Hernandez
Patti Anderson	Joanne Sellner
Christa Lurfald	Beth Engstrom
Dana Helm	Caryss Buhler
Freddy	Jessie Buhler
Janet Dubose	Lynn Bergerson (guest)
Rob Lindeman	Steve Adolfson
Sandy Hulke	Kevin Hulke
Chris Schnieder	

## **Five Minute Ice Breaker**

Dana picked a Club event and asked members to talk about what's involved. There were comments on getting the float ready, shopping cart for collecting food, using the hands for "high-fives", handing out candy, and the fun opportunity to get in touch with the community. The hands need to be washed. There was a reminder to take pictures of events.

## **Acts of Kindness**

- Freddy talked about witnessing a car accident while he was in a forklift at work. He was able to gain access to the car, wake up the driver, and get him out. It turned out to be a friend of Freddy's dad.
- Steve helped an old friend set up grill and tv, along with other miscellaneous projects.
- Sandy helped a turtle across the road.
- Natasha, Trena, Shawn and Marlys helped clean up brush from storm damage that fell on a handicap ramp. They received a big "shoutout on Facebook.
- Kevin talked about volunteering at National Night Out.
- Patti and Bruce talked about helping at the Triathlon and participants thanking them.
- Craig talked about the "Let's Go Fishing" event where they caught a lot of fish.
- Joanne talked about helping elderly neighbors. She and her twin sister have cleaned out yards and installed a faucet. She also shares her garden produce.

## **Treasurer Update**

- **Finances.** Treasurer Marlys Dunne provided an update on finances. The Club received \$1,116 in donations recently including \$3,589 from Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, who have disbanded. Recent expenses were \$300 for the KOA parade candy. More needs to be spent on the next parade.

Other expenses included printing, float, and website expenses. Also, the Club paid a member \$1,600 for car repairs because the float stand fell on her car causing damage. The current balance was \$13,690. A donation will be coming in from the Triathlon for \$1,500.

- **Announcement of Award.** The Club was nominated as the 2025 Volunteer of the Year. Scott and Marlys presented the banner that will be displayed on the float. Marlys said the Club was also recognized at the County Board meeting for helping seniors.
- **GNC Mug.** Marlys had a sample of a mug with the CLGNC logo on it made by local resident Derrick. They can be purchased for \$25 but there needs to be a minimum of 24 ordered. It was suggested to research other options.

### **Adopt a Senior**

Marlys talked about the Club serving root beer floats to the seniors during the parade from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Lori made up the sign. Maggie has secured donated ice cream from the Tackle Box along with spoons and cups. Maggie and Elizabeth updated the flyers. We now have five seniors looking for a match, and she encouraged more volunteers to sign up. Every quarter the committee does a craft for seniors, and she showed an example of the July 4<sup>th</sup> craft. Lori is working on a Fall craft. Christa is planning a Witches Tea Party at Parmly. The Adopt a Senior committee will have a booth at the Age Well Expo in October. The Club was formally invited by the County to Coffee Talk. It was suggested to ask Tim C. if he would be interested in attending. The next Adopt a Senior meeting will be October 14. Money was spent on crafts and folders leaving \$4,371 on hand.

### **Membership Update**

Rochell will be stepping back in and working with Dana on membership. There were no additional members since the last club meeting.

### **Communications Update**

Natasha announced the GNC Facebook page is getting a lot of hits. There are 36 new followers for a total of 1,094. She encouraged members to do Facebook blasts to get the word out and to send her pictures to post.

### **Activities Update**

- **Ki Chi Days August 17, 2025.** Parade float set up will take place at the Dunnes. The group is number 7 in line. Parade starts at 2. The Club will be using Chris and Rob's trailer. Root Beer Float Social will be at Parmly. Pattie and Craig will be taking care of setting up the booth. Natasha said walkers are still needed.
- **Shafer Days Robbery September 13, 2025.** Chris S. passed around a signup sheet and said the first meeting may be a conference call. Chris D. announced he would not be able to be a banker this year. Sheriff Thien will be getting a gun and purchasing swag. Rusty has new PA system. The script was tweaked by a few members for review. It's the 75th anniversary of Shafer Days.
- **Zion Community Meal September 29, 2025.** Natasha said volunteers were still needed and she reminded volunteers that they needed to bring a dessert.
- **Adopt a Highway Cleanup.** The date for Fall Cleanup was set for Sunday, October 12, 2025.
- **Holiday Mug Making.** The room is reserved for Sunday December 14, 2025, for mug assembly. The first meeting of the Mug Committee will be held at Lori's on Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Recap of Past Club Events**

- **Coffee Pot Steam Event June 21, 2025.** The Club raised \$666 that day from the dunk tank and selling coffee pots and water. Scott mentioned a comment was made about the Club members drinking, and it was noted that was not acceptable even though it was a social event.

- **Zion Community Meal June 23, 2025.** Patti and Craig talked about the need to get those sitting alone to socialize, and to figure out a way to get new people to meet. It was suggested to have a "Captains Table". Jeri talked about the need to have brochures to hand out to people who ask about club.
- **Karl Oskar Parade July 12, 2025.** During the parade \$361 and 481 pounds of food was collected.
- **Harmony in the Park Non-Profit Night July 16, 2025.** Scott talked about the Club. Because of rain, it took place inside. He said it was nice to meet some of the other non-profits.
- **Chisago Lakes Triathlon July 26-27, 2025.** It was a very successful event. The owners did a "shout out" to the Club. The Tri generated over \$26,000 for nonprofits. The Club had ten boats, and eight kayaks. Some members helped with the kid's triathlon and registration. The Tri want the Club back next year.
- **National Night Out August 5, 2025.** It was the third year the Club participated in this event.

#### **Miscellaneous Discussion Items**

- Christa will be doing tea party at Parmly with the elders being in charge.
- Kevin asked that more go into planning for holiday events. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.
- Lori will be doing the Mitten Tree again this year. It will be up at the Loon from Thanksgiving till Christmas. She asked that members start collecting mittens and hats and get the word out. There is a need for waterproof gloves.
- Scott talked about clothing and said Tracy was working on a new online store which will help track orders. Natasha said there is a merchandise store link on the website and in the blogs. Carissa talked about a tie die version.
- There was mention of having a suggestion box at the meetings.
- Kevin talked about Karl Oskar Days and the fun his family had looking for the Snuff Box.
- It was noted that members should keep an eye on the weather for the Ki Chi parade.

#### **Next Meetings**

- Board Meeting September 11, 2025
- Club Meeting October 9, 2025

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 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."*