

MINUTES

Club Meeting

Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Chisago Town Hall



Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome new Club Members

President Chris S. lead the group in the Pledge and welcomed new members Linda Thalhuber, Mallory Leider, Rochelle Hernandez, Greg Thalhuber, and Joan Hause. All members introduced themselves.

Attendance

There were 28 Club members and five guests that attended the meeting.

Shelley Lindau	Mallory Leider
Marlys Dunne	Pat Ongstad
Chris Schneider	Robert Lindeman
Tim Clark	Patti Anderson
Bruce Meehan	Craig Anderson
Lori Meehan	Alvin White
Scott Ross	Christa Lorfald
Dana Helm	Lori Bestler
Chris Dubose	Kevin Hulke
Robert Morrison	Sandy Hulke
Trene Morrison	Rusty Hooks
Yvonne Anderson	Eric Engstrom (Guest)
Rochelle Hernandez	Beth Engstrom (Guest)
Linda Thalhuber	Jeri Watters (Guest)
Greg Thalhuber	Matthew Fredricksen (Guest)
Kelly Ingebrightson	Brooke Zank (Guest)

Caroling – Money raised for Food Shelf

Three caroling events were held in December, and \$960 was raised. Product needed to be bought with this money in the next few weeks. There was a suggestion to give it to the Chisago Masons where the money would be doubled during their “Double Up” campaign. Marlys D. didn’t feel the Club should just hand over the money to the Masons, and questioned if they would know what products to buy for the food shelf, or if they would just give the money to the food shelf. More information was needed.

Senior Mug Making on December 17, 2024

The Club made 110 Mugs in December to give to seniors for the holidays. Christa L. encouraged members to begin collecting things for the mugs. She said she would make a list of items needed and share it.

Zion Church Community Meal on January 29

Approximately 245 people attended the Zion dinner. At least 11 GNC members helped serve. Patti and Craig Anderson had volunteered, and he told the story of a woman who had recently lost her husband. The woman and her husband would attend the meals together every Monday. She was very upset and had to leave. The Andersons put together a meal and delivered it to her at home.

Paint touchup at a Clarice’s – Kevin H.

A request had come in through the GNC hotline number for someone to do some touch-up painting in a woman’s home. Her husband had recently gone into a nursing home. Sandy and Kevin H. arrived to help and found out the paint was dry and unusable. The woman’s daughter

will get more paint and they will go back another day. She also needed help replacing a door that was removed when her husband was there in a wheelchair. It was mentioned that she may be a good candidate for the AaGP, and a packet of AaGP information will be given to her when they go back to paint.

Hotline Number

There was discussion on the importance of getting the hotline number out there and the idea of putting it on the bracelets. Another suggestion was to put it on refrigerator magnets.

Family Pathways Volunteer Opportunities

Brooke Zank, a volunteer manager for Family Pathways said she was there to say “thank you”. She explained she was in charge of 17 different towns. There are 10 food shelves, a mobile food shelf, and aging services programs. They is also a domestic violence advocacy group that sees over 50 families a week. Last year, there were over 1,300 volunteers that put in 60,000 hours. They are also looking for extra support at the food shelf and are in need of some specific items. Cash donations go to the local food shelf in the area. Chris s. said he will touch base with her prior to events to see what items they need for marketing purposes. There was a suggestion to talk to sporting teams and other volunteer groups.

Mentor Volunteers

Lori B. passed around a signup sheet for volunteers to mentor new members. Volunteers could be anyone with a basic understanding of the Club. Mentorship would likely last for approximately three months. There were four guests that attended this evening’s meeting.

Celebration of the Lakes February 9-11

It was acknowledged that the weather was not cooperating.

Candlelight Walk-Marlys D. explained the GNC had taken over the entire event. Set up will be at 4:30 p.m. A trailer will be there along with the ATV and raffle sales. There will be hot chocolate and a fire pit. Chisago Cable TV is coming to the hike to film and will be creating a professional podcast.

Turkey Bowling – Bowling will be in the park from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Nordic Sauna will be there also, and the Lakes Association will be there with hot chocolate and s’mores. Chris S. said he had poly to use for the bowling lanes.

Winter Plunge February 17

Only two people had signed up. Part of the money goes to the Forest Lake Rotary. Due to the weather it was unlikely it would be in the lake, so a pool will be filled with water from a fire hydrant.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meeting February 21

Scott R. had volunteered to speak at the February 21 meeting of the YRN at 5:30 p.m. Scott thought it would be a good idea to have a veteran attend with him. Tim C. may be able to attend with him.

Rock Painting

Lori M. explained the Club hands out painted rocks when members do acts of kindness, sort of as a calling card. Pat O. gets the rocks from the north shore. Lori will be hosting rock painting at her home the evening of February 22.

Path to Home volunteers needed March 10-17

Each week the Path to Home Program organizes area churches to host families in their program. Trinity Lutheran in Lindstrom will be hosting the week of March 10th to the 17th. They need

volunteers to bring in meals, drive as needed, provide snacks, provide gift certificates for gas, and do events with the kids. A small group of GNC members had volunteered in the past to paint rocks with the kids. Information will be put out.

Food Drive for Minnesota Food Share March Campaign at the Uncommon Loon

The Club is set to do the food drive at the Uncommon Loon from February 29 to April 6. It was suggested to use the food shelf bins instead of the tall cylinder bins. It was believed MN Food Share would be providing posters. Lorraine S. had an email from them which had logos, etc. The Club will need to get some signage done with the Club logo and the Uncommon Loon's. Members were asked to donate and get the word out.

Zion Community Dinner Opportunities

The dates of April 29, July 29, Oct 28 had been confirmed to do dinners. The Club has committed to having at least 13 volunteers. Volunteers needed to be there by 3:30-ish. Information will be out on Facebook. Dinners last until around 6 p.m. Volunteers are asked to bring desserts. Pattie explained volunteers do not need to be a member of the Club and she can let people know when extra helpers are needed at other times. This could be put out on GroupMe. Volunteers were reminded to wear a hat.

Chisago Lakes Showcase

The Showcase will take place on March 23 at the High School. Marlys D. explained this event was previously known as the Home Show, and the GNC had a table there last year. Volunteers for the Club table were needed from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Adopt a Grandparent Program

Marlys explained the group meets monthly and has developed procedures and partnered some seniors, and the mission was to get more seniors on board. The best way was referrals. There is an AaGP meeting on February 28, and it is open to anyone who may be interested. There was a suggestion to get the "grandparents" engaged as a group. Christa L. said she would be moving to a transitional care position at Parmley and may be able to make some contacts.

Central MN Council on Ageing

Marlys said she had connected with the Age Well Collation, and they want to set up a meeting to discuss partnership. Information will be put out to the AaGP.

Request from Mariette

Chris S. said there was a lot of stuff she needed, and he planned to meet with her on Saturday to get more information.

Book Club

Edy had talked in the past about a book club at Point Pleasant Heights and will need to get the Club more information on that.

Youth Volunteers

Marly D. said she had reached out to the County Attorney regarding troubled youth. Chris S. had set up some meetings. There was a suggestion to have them help during the road cleanup and Earth Day Challenge.

Random Acts of Kindness

Christa L. provided the gift for the drawing. Guest Freddy chose number 13, which was Trena's number on the sign-in sheet.

Jewelry Sales

Tim C. said his wife Sarah, who is going through some health issues, is selling jewelry. The Company donates 50% of the sales to a 501c that can go to the GNC.

Mitten Tree

Lori M. said the Mitten Tree at the Uncommon Loon went until December 31. There were 3-4 garbage bags of hats mitten and scarves collected that went to the Family Pathway's Shelter, Path to Home, and the Elementary School. The Loon has invited the Club back next year and they have kept the tree. She said there was a big demand for outside waterproof mittens, and there was a suggestion to buy now while they are on clearance. A knitting club had knitted hats and mittens.

Upcoming Meetings

The Board will meet on March 14. All are welcome to attend. The Chisago Town Hall will not be available, so the location was to be determined. The Annual Club Meeting will be on April 11. All members will be encouraged to attend.

Adjourn

The meeting concluded at 7:35 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."