

# MINUTES

Club Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Chisago Town Hall



## **Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome new Club Members**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Scott R., and Chris D. led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Attendance**

There were 29 members that attended the meeting.

Scott Ross	Freddie Fredericksen
Trena Morrison	Morgan Johnson (Guest)
Natasha Zarich	Peyton Schneider (Guest)
Dennis Kammerer	Miranda Olson
Burce Meehan	Marlys Dunn
Lori Meehan	Chris DuBose
Lorraine Swenson	Shelley Lindau
Scott Walberg	Terri Erlandson (Guest)
Christa Lorfald	Pattie Anderson
Jessie Buhler	Orris Erlandson (Guest)
Jerri Watters	Craig Anderson
Dana Helm	Rusty Lamers
Kevin Hulke	Anne Nelson (Guest)
Sandy Hulke	Steve Adolfson
Tim Clark	Rochelle Hernandez

## **Write Down Acts of Kindness for Drawing at End of Meeting**

Christa handed out cards for members to write down their recent acts of kindness for a drawing at the end of the meeting.

## **Five Minute Ice Breaker Exercise**

Dana instructed the group to introduce themselves to someone near them, preferably someone they did not know, and find three things they had in common. After five minutes-the meeting reconvened.

## **Approve Club Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2024**

Natasha made motion, Chris D. seconded, to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2024, Club meeting as presented. All Aye. Motin carried.

## **Approve Resignation of Board Member Lori Bestler and Appointment of Rochelle Hernandez**

Scott explained that Lori Bestler requested to resigned from the Board due to needing to care for her father. Rochell agreed to take her place. Marlys made motion, Shelley seconded, to approve the resignation of Lori and appointment of Rochelle to the Board. All Ayes. Motion carried.

## **Treasurer Updates**

Treasurer Marlys Dunn provide a brief update on saying the Club currently had \$6, 072 in the checkbook. There was \$1,090 collected from food drives. Christa and Chris spent \$547 to purchase food for the Food Shelf, so there were still funds left. A full-year's storage rent had been paid in the amount of \$625. A little over \$4,000 was in the Adopt a Senior account.

### **Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Network Disbandment**

The BYRN had dissolved, and they were looking at other nonprofits to donate their supplies/funds to. The GNC was on their list. There was no further update.

### **Membership Committee Update**

Rochelle and Jeri reminded the group of the potluck after mug making Sunday. People were not obligated to bring dish. The Club welcomed guests Orris and Terri Erlandson, and Chris D. introduced guest Annie Nelson.

### **Activities Committee Update**

Natasha reminded the group about the **Zion Christmas Dinner** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>. More volunteers were needed, and a few members spoke up saying they could attend. Rusty was asked if he could lead the Caroling that day, and Rusty indicated he did not have his schedule on him but would let the Club know. Pattie reminded the group that Zion would provide the meal, and the volunteers were responsible for dessert. At the last dinner, 308 meals were served.

Natasha informed the group about a volunteer opportunity to be a **“holiday helper”**. Family Pathways was looking for volunteers to adopt a family for the holiday. Gifts were needed by December 18<sup>th</sup> to help a family. She said the signup was easy on their website, and they provided her information on the family she would be purchasing gifts for.

The **Holiday Mug making event** would be held on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m. This would be followed by a potluck. When asked by a show of hands, approximately 15 members indicated they would be there. Shelley asked for a few volunteers to be there at 9:30 a.m. to help set up.

### **Coffee Pot Sales Committee Update**

Pattie informed the group that that 12 coffee pots were sold at the Lindstrom Craft Sale that was held at the Lindstrom Community Center that past weekend. Many visitors at the Craft Sale indicated they already had one. There were 70 coffee pots left. The city had received a \$3,000 donation for the steam initiative, and another donation was expected this month. It was hoped to have it operating by the end of June. Miranda added that the current balance was at \$6,800, not counting a donation that was expected to come to the City next week. Approximately \$15,000 was needed, and there would be conversations with Aerotech in the spring to finalize the amount. Pattie added that the Club needed to decide on what to do with the money it raised selling the coffee pots. There had been discussions about donating it all towards the initiative.

### **Adopt a Senior Program Update**

Marlys updated the group on the Committee meeting held on November 26<sup>th</sup>. There were currently seven active Club member/senior relationships. Events in the past year included the Age Well Expo, senior yard work, Ice Cream Social, Harmony in the Park, chapel painting, and the upcoming holiday mugs. The Committee’s goal was to have one major event every quarter. She had new flyers with a tear off that had the hotline number, and she asked for volunteers to distribute them around the community.

### **ATV Raffle Update**

Marlys informed the group that eight books of tickets had been sold for the ATV raffle at the Lindstrom Holiday Craft Show last week. She encouraged all to help sell. The Club was partnered with four other organizations.

### **Mitten Tree**

Lori M. announced she set up the mitten tree at the Loon on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for donations of new hats, mittens, and scarves. The Mitten Tree will be up all month. All donations stay in the community and will go to Pathway to Home, elementary schools, Family Pathways, and the Women's Shelter. She said waterproof mittens were preferred because the kids need to have them at school before they are allowed to go outside in the winter. She had flyers to put up in the area if anyone knew of a spot to put one.

### **Holiday Caroling**

Rusty, who leads the group with his guitar playing announced that he had been having some health issues with his arm, but has found another person, Randy, to play the guitar. Caroling was scheduled for the past Friday, but it was cold, and no one committed to it. The event was rescheduled to Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> starting at the Uncommon Loon around 5 p.m. to hit the local bars and maybe do Parnly on Sunday. The signs and wagons will be needed. There was also discussion about caroling at Zion during the community dinner, but nothing was definite. Natasha was contacted by Barb from a group home who asked if the group would sing during their Christmas party. Natasha will give Rusty the contact information. Rusty played a few Christmas carols on the guitar and coerced the group to sing along.

### **Celebration of the Lakes**

Celebration of the Lakes is February 8, 9, and 10. Marlys is planning on the Club doing the Candlelight Hike on February 8<sup>th</sup> and Turkey Bowling on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Most events will take place on South Lindstrom Lake.

### **Donate/ Volunteer at Santa Photos and Adopt a Family Fundraiser at Tony's Bar on December 14**

Trena had been working with Tony at Tony's Bar to sponsor the Clark family for Christmas. She invited everyone to Tony's on Saturday to get their picture taken with Santa. She made arrangements to raffle a wagon of booze, and Club members had been asked to bring a bottle to this meeting to donate. Tickets are \$10 apiece, and the drawing will take place at 7 p.m. There were several items donated for the silent auction including MN Wild tickets from Club Member Scott Ross. Scott R. presented a check to Tim C. from the Fire Department.

### **Ideas/Breakdown on Expenditures of Club Funds**

President Chris S. was not present, so this was tabled until the next meeting.

### **Acts of Kindness / Drawing**

Freddie was chosen in the drawing. His act of kindness was helping a teenager jump his car at the Holiday Station.

### **Miscellaneous Discussion**

Senior Transportation - Pattie informed the group that beginning January 1, rates were going up from \$5 to \$10, and she spoke about the growing need for affordable transportation for seniors. Marlys talked about the Thrive organization operating in Washington County and said they were working on expanding their services to Chisago County. More info to come.

*Unreasonable Hospitality* book - Kevin H. talked about a book he read and highly recommended it to the Club members.

### **Next Meetings**

- Board Meeting January 8, 2025 – Budget Workshop

- Club Meeting February 13, 2025
- Future Agenda Items

### **Adjournment**

Natasha made motion, Miranda seconded, to adjourn at 7 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Lindau".

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."*