

Minutes

Board Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2026
6:00 p.m.



Call to Order - President Chris S. called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Attendance

President Chris Schneider
Secretary Shelley Lindau
Treasurer Marlys Dunne
Member at Large Trina Morrison
Lorraine Swenson (Guest)
Kevin Hulke (Guest)

Vote in New Members

Shelley made motion, Trena seconded, to vote in New Member Jamie Dube and Lita Yackel. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Treasure Update

Marlys reported no recent activity. The checkbook balance remains \$4,125, and there are no outstanding bills. The committee recently vetted two seniors; one resided in Wyoming and the other requested services outside the scope of Adopt a Senior. A committee meeting will be scheduled.

Adopt a Senior Update

Marlys reported there has been no recent activity. The checkbook balance remains at \$4,125, and there are no bills to be paid. The committee recently vetted two seniors; one lived in Wyoming and the other was seeking services the AaS does not provide. A committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

Membership Update

There was no update as Rochelle was not present.

Communications/Activities Update

There was no update as Natasha was not present.

MN Food Share Update

Lorraine has contacted approximately 90 businesses and townships to distribute posters and information promoting the food drive. Food is being collected at the Uncommon Loon through April 6. A total of 93 pounds of food has been collected to date. Costs are being incurred for advertising in the Chisago County Press and for posters. Marlys reported there is \$400 remaining from previous cash donations. There was discussion on using those funds for an Easter food donation, with an emphasis on non-perishable items. The food shelf will be contacted to determine specific Easter needs.

Upcoming Club Events

- **Zion Community Meal** – Monday, March 16, 2026. A local Boy Scout troop will assist, and desserts are needed.
- **Earth Day** – Kevin presented a “Sweep Little Sweden” street-cleaning concept using a bucket and broom, referencing a historic street cleanup dating back to 1844 and a related film featuring Ingrid Bergman. He has discussed the idea with GNC member Scott and Mayor Judy for an event in Lindstrom on April 22, beginning at the mural by the donut shop and working in both directions. Judy indicated she may be able to arrange for a videographer, and Gus will work on inviting media outlets. There was discussion about public safety, including the need for safety vests (possibly from the city or county) and

garbage cans from the city. Volunteers will be asked to bring a broom, dustpan, and bucket, and additional garbage bags will be needed. Businesses will be informed and may participate by cleaning and remaining open to promote their businesses. The group hopes to involve school children in future years to build community pride. The event will be limited to Lindstrom this year. The Knights of Columbus may wish to assist; Marlys will contact them. Kevin will present the idea at the annual meeting.

- **Tea Party** - Tuesday April 28 at 3-4:30 p.m. Christa is working on event details.
- **Veteran Bricks** – Follow-up is needed with Dana and Ryan, and the topic should be brought to a Coffee Talk meeting.
- **Triathlon** - July 25 and 25. The GNC will repeat last year's activities in exchange for a \$1,500 donation.
- **Karl Oakar Days** - July 9-12. Marlys and Natasha will coordinate parade registrations. There was discussion about designing a new float, with consensus to create new hands around the perimeter of the float or a similar concept.
- **Ki Chi Saga Days** - August 20-23. Marlys or Natasha will see that the GNC is registered.
- **Harmony in the Park** - The group discussed whether the GNC should continue sponsorship. Marlys noted that funds for sponsorship were included in the budget. The group agreed to host a table on Volunteer Day, consistent with previous years.
- **Spring Adopt a Highway Cleanup** - May 3. Members will meet at 10:00 a.m. Chris S. will organize food following the cleanup.

Miscellaneous Discussion

- **Annual Membership Meeting** – Pizza will be served again this year. Natasha will prepare a PowerPoint using the previous template. A planning meeting was suggested, and Natasha will be asked to reach out to the board with potential dates.
- **Board Vacancies** – Tim has not committed to another term. Trena stated she does not wish to continue on the Board. Bruce, Lori M., and Jeri have expressed interest in serving.
- **Scholarships** – Marlys expects to receive scholarship applications soon. A committee will be formed to review them.
- **2026 Club Insurance** – There was discussion regarding liability coverage for the CMC. Marlys will contact her insurance company for cost information, and it was suggested to also check with the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits.
- **2026 Preliminary Budget** - Marlys provided a recap of 2025, noting total income of \$16,344 and total expenses of \$7,510. She presented the proposed 2026 budget. There was discussion on whether to continue Rotary membership at \$250, and it was agreed to consult Chris D. regarding the benefits. It was noted that Halloween on Main Street may expand to additional cities, and a larger candy budget may be needed.

Lorraine suggested exploring registering with the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, Charity Division.

Upcoming Meeting

Annual Member Meeting - April 9, 2026

Board Meeting - May 14, 2026

Adjournment

Marlys made motion, Trena seconded, to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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.”

Position	Member	Term Expires
President	Chris Schneider	May 31, 2027
Vice-President	Scott Ross	May 31, 2026
Secretary	Shelley Lindau	May 31, 2027
Treasurer	Marlys Dunne	May 31, 2026
Communication Director	Natasha Zarich	May 31, 2027
Member at Large	Craig Anderson	May 31, 2026
Member at Large	Chris Dubose	May 31, 2027
Member at Large	Tim Clark	May 31, 2026
Member at Large	Rochelle Hernandez	May 31, 2027
Member at Large	Dana Helm	May 31, 2026
Member at Large	Trena Morrison	May 31, 2026