

MINUTES

Club Meeting

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

Chisago Town Hall



Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome new Club Members

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge recited. The group welcomed new members Kifah Abdi, Pat Bichner, and Emily Beck. All members introduced themselves.

Attendance

There were 22 members and one guest that attended the meeting.

Shelley Lindau	Patti Anderson
Marlys Dunne	Craig Anderson
Bruce Meehan	Christa Lorfald
Lori Meehan	Rusty Hooks
Robert Morrison	Beth Engstrom
Trene Morrison	Jeri Watters
Rochelle Hernandez	Matthew(Freddie) Fredricksen
Miranda Olson	Maggie Schmitt
Lorraine Swenson	Pat Bichner
Scott Walberg	Emily Beck
Leslie Paulus	Tom Paulus
	Emily (guest)

Approve Club Meeting Minutes for June 27, 2024

Maggie made motion, Lorraine seconded, to approve the minutes for the June 27, 2024, meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Update-Marlys

The Adopt a Grandparent Program had \$4,268 in the checkbook. There was an outstanding donation of \$200 to Harmony in the Park. New posters were printed, and volunteers are needed to post them around the community. There were 2,562 buttons sold for the Karl Oskar Days Raffle, and the Club made \$513. Miranda explained the City of Lindstrom was not able to conduct the raffle, and it needed to be passed on to a non-profit organization. The GNC will need to decide if they want to do it again next year. The Triathlon donated \$1,000 for the Club's participation in monitoring the water course. The GNC checkbook was at approximately \$7,300. There was an outstanding expenditure of \$500 for the Chisago Lakes School District Scholarship.

Grant Opportunity

Last year, the CLGNC received a \$6,000 Big Idea Grant from the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation for the Adopt a Grandparent Program. Another program was currently accepting applications. Grants can be applied for to fund any cause that has a good community impact. There is a \$3,000 grant maximum, and the deadline is September 4, 2024. Marlys asked for members to come up with ideas.

Coffee Pot Sales Committee Update - Pattie A.

There were 74 coffee pots sold at Karl Oskar Days, and approximately 49 still available for purchase. It was decided 50 more would be needed for Ki Chi Saga Days, and Miranda will have them available for pickup at City Hall the following day. She said the goal was \$15,000 to implement the steam, and they were currently at around \$400 after expenses.

Ki Chi Saga Booth Sales

Sales will be at the park during Ki Chi Saga Days, August 17-18. Craig and Patti will be at the booth in the morning until 1 p.m. on Saturday. Lori, Shelley, and Marlys will do the 1-5 p.m. shift, and Jeri Rochelle will be there on Sunday.

Fall Harvest Fest

There was mention of the Fall Harvest Festival scheduled for September 21. The organizers were still seeking permission from the City and businesses. Miranda will keep the group posted.

Steam Initiative - QR Code for donations – Miranda O.

Lindstrom Mayor Judy Chartrand had applied for a \$3,000 grant for the coffee pot steam initiative. A requirement of the grant was to have the project completed in one year. The City is unable to utilize Venmo and PayPal to accept electronic payments for donations. Judy was looking for a non-profit to help facilitate, possibly through a QR code that would make it easy for people to donate. This item will go before the Board for discussion due to cost and time needed for bookkeeping purposes. It was mentioned that the Club should receive something in return. Patti said the Club had collected \$173 in donations at the park, and she brought up the idea of the GNC applying for the grant also.

Membership – Christa L.

There were currently 90 members. Rochelle, Leslie, and Tom joined the Membership Committee. Christa had passed out white slips for members to share their random acts of kindness.

Food Drop at Family Pathways Friday, August 9

Marlys was arranging a food drop and \$476 in cash at Family Pathways. She was waiting for them to get back to her on the time and was looking for people who may be available. She will let others know.

Ki Chi Saga Days Parade on August 18

Set up will take place at the Dunne house at 11:30 a.m. Line up is at 1 p.m. and the parade is at 2 p.m. There was discussion on whether to get more bags or hand out candy, and the consensus was to get candy. This could be purchased at Costco.

Shafer Days Robbery Reenactment on Saturday, September 14 at noon

Group met last Friday with the Olmschens who had been doing the robbery reenactment for years and want the CLGNC to take it over. Marlys will send out the materials to everyone. Freddie will be the bank robber, and Rusty the narrator. Lori, Miranda, Craig, and Shelley will help organize. Tom offered to help Shelley with the car show signup.

Path to Home Volunteers on September 1st -7th and December 1st -7th

Trinity Church houses the homeless for a week in September and December. Lori will lead the rock painting activity with the kids. Shelley has volunteered to help, and more volunteers are welcome.

Zion Community Dinner October 21

A signup sheet will be sent out for volunteers. The GNC served 272 dinners last time. It begins at 3:30 p.m., and servers are asked to bring a pan of desserts.

Game Days at Parmly

Shane has been organizing Game Day on Wednesday afternoons at Parmly. Shane has been putting information out on GroupMe.

Repaint Chapel at Parmly TBD

The Club has secured the paint for the Chapel. Christa said there were a lot of big events coming up this fall. Someone needs to organize this with the Knights of Columbus.

Fall Tea Party at Parmly TBD

Christa has this on her radar.

Yard Projects for Roger

Follow up with Scott on this.

Exercise partner for Ben

A gentleman saw the Adopt a Senior advertisement in the community guide. Marlys said the Club paid for a quarter page ad and was given a full page. Ben saw this and reached out to the Club for an exercise partner because his doctor is encouraging him to lose weight after a heart attack. Marlys and Shelly had met with him last week. He has equipment in his home and a gym membership. Anyone interested can get the contact information from Marlys or Shelley.

Help for women in trailer parks (Lakeshore and Shafer)

Christa had responded to a request by an 83-year-old and her daughter. Both have health issues. The trailer park where she lives had given her a list of things that needed to be done such as painting and wood repair. Christa has been there and did some weeding. Anyone willing to help can get the contact info from Christa.

Branch that fell at Carol's neighbor's house (July 28 hotline inquiry)

Freddy said he would reach out to them.

Karl Oskar Days Recap

The GNC ran out of handouts during the parade. There are 400 bags left for Ki Chi. There was discussion on the need to get some bulk candy to hand out.

Harmony in the Park Non-Profit Night Recap

Patti was at Harmony in the Park and said it went pretty well. Some visitors took membership information. When selling coffee pots, she felt they needed to be more specific in telling people that the Club is helping the City with the steam initiative, not keeping all the money for the Club.

Triathlon Water Course Recap

The Club received a \$1,000 donation for helping with the water course. There were 11 pontons and nine kayakers, and some members also supervised the running course. Marlys said Du Tri was please and wants to work with the Club again next year, provided they get the permit.

National Night Out Recap

GNC members Rochelle, Christa, and Freddie were a few of the GNC members that attended National Night Out at Parmly. Marlys shared a "thank you" note the Club received.

Threshing Show

The Wild River Snowmobile Club was looking for volunteers to park cars at the Threshing Show in Amelund. Lorainne said volunteers get wrist bands to get in free. Club members were asked to contact Kyle Johnson if they wanted to volunteer. They would be meeting at 6:30 the following morning.

Other Upcoming Events

Fall Ditch Cleanup TBD

Age Well Expo in October

Trick or Treat on Main Street. on Friday October 25.

Acts of Kindness

Rusty won the act of kindness drawing. He had trimmed the neighbor's bushes. Lorraine help a neighbor with their garbage cans. Members helped clean a woman's garden beds a few times, and she donated \$50 each time. The third time, members left before she could donate again. Freddie has been helping the family of a friend who drowned in the Mississippi River while saving others.

Miscellaneous Discussion Items

There was discussion on losing the Club's current storage spot at Chris's, and the need to find another place. There is also a need to secure a place for mug making in December.

Craig still has towers if anyone is interested.

Next Meetings

Board Meeting September 12

Club Meeting October 10

Meeting adjourned at 7 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."