

Minutes

Club Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Chisago Lakes Town Hall



Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer Marlys D. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance and Introductions

Marlys Dunne	Shelley Lindau
Bruce Meehan	Beth Engstrom
Lori Meehan	Caryss Buhler
Freddie	Jessie Buhler
Chris Dubose	Lorraine Swenson
Pattie Ongstad	Jerri Watters
Wendy O'Leary (Guest)	Patti Walsten
Tom O'Leary (Guest)	Renee Walsten

Five-Minute Ice Breaker

Members took turns talking about what they like most about the club.

Updates

- **Adopt a Senior**
The next Adopt a Senior meeting is June 18. The Committee will be working on a 4th of July Craft
- **Sweep Little Sweden - Wednesday, April 22**
It was reported from members that were there that there was not much to clean up. The Tackle Box donated ice cream afterward.
- **Adopt a Highway Cleanup – Sunday, May 3**
Clean up of the roadway over the years has made a difference in the reduction of garbage. The County requires it to be done twice a year. Members enjoyed the barbecue afterwards.
- **CL Scholarship Award – Monday, May 4**
This is the third year the Club has provided a \$500 scholarship. Fortunately, Lorraine was present and able to read the script Marlys had prepared. It was decided to provide a \$1,000 scholarship next year since that amount seemed more common.

Upcoming Club Events

- **Zion Community Meal - June 15**
Volunteers are asked to be there by 3:30 p.m. and serve meals from 4-6 p.m. More volunteers are needed. Volunteers were reminded to wear a hat and bring a dessert.
- **Parades (Karl Oscar July 11 & Ki Chi August 23)**
A float committee is needed to provide some TLC for the float. The Club will be using Chris's trailer. Beth offered her place if needed to work on the float. It will be a food drive as usual. Marlys will make sure there is swag for purchase so everyone can be in a GNC shirt and/or hat. She will also get notice of the food drive in the paper.
- **Chisago Lakes Triathlon – Saturday, July 25 |**
This event is a fundraiser for the Club. Volunteers are needed for the water route. The organizers of the triathlon will donate \$1,500 to the Club. Guests, Wendy and Tom, know the organizers, Bill and Mandy, through other race events.

- **Harmony in the Park – Wednesday, July 29”**

It is Minnesota Nice Night (Volunteer Night). Lori will tend to the GNC table and tent. The GNC sponsors Harmony in the Park with a \$200 sponsorship fee.

- **National Night Out – Tuesday, August 4**

GNC volunteers will help Parly celebrate, as in the Past. Six to eight volunteers are needed. Christa will confirm it with Parmly.

Miscellaneous Discussion Items

- **Valkomann Apartments request for TLC**

Marlys recently met with Judy and Rusty, who is on their board, about volunteers helping to weed and prune shrubs at their facility, repaint benches, and fix the sign. The facility is overseen by the City of Lindstrom for low-income housing. Judy had indicated they were willing to have a little celebration after. Members agreed it would be a good idea for the fall and that someone would need to do a supply assessment.

- **Vet Brick Memorial**

The Yellow Ribbon Network gave \$3,400 to the GNC when they disbanded. Dana is spearheading a project to purchase bricks for the Veterans Memorial.

- **Chalk the Walk for Hope**

Chisago County Community Health has a program encouraging individuals to put inspirational messages on sidewalks. Information is available on their website.

- **Procedure for Acts of Kindness**

Members are encouraged to take charge of opportunities to do acts of kindness. It is not something that needs to be approved by the Club unless money is involved. The GroupMe app is the best tool if help is needed. It was asked that photos be taken if appropriate.

- **The Great Community Tailgate**

The Chisago Lakes Area Community Fund is holding a fundraiser with the Rotary Club and the GNC on September 24, 2026, at Wild Mountain. Money raised through silent auctions items donated by the GNC will be given to the GNC. More information to come at the end of the month.

- **Shafer Days**

GNC will be hosting the bank robbery again in September. More information to come.

Acts of Kindness

Freddie helped clean up a neighbor's property after the recent storms.

Shawn has been cleaning up boat launch areas while he's working as a watercraft inspector.

Marlys has cleaned up a neighbor's beach.

Upcoming Meeting

- Board Meeting - July 9
- Club Membership Meeting - August 13

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:48 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.”