

MINUTES

Club Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Chisago Lakes Town Hall



Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance and Introductions

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| Marlys Dunne | Shelley Lindau |
| Chris Dubose | Scott Ross |
| Craig Anderson | Trena Morrison |
| Christa Lorfald | Natasha Zarich |
| Dana Helm | Rochelle Hernandez |
| Freddy | Beth Engstrom |
| Rob Lindeman | Jessie Buhler |
| Sandy Hulke | Lynn Bergerson |
| Kevin Hulke | Steve Adolfson |
| Lorraine Swenson | Jeri Watters |
| Tim Clark | Pat Ongstad |

Five Minute Ice Breaker

Dana and Marlys explained the Adopt a Senior program and encouraged others to attend. There were seniors waiting for a member to partner with, and it was likely that more would be recruited at the Age Well Expo. The next Adopt a Senior meeting will be held on Monday, October 13 at the Dunne residence.

Treasurer Update

Marlys reported that the Club received an anonymous donation of \$450 bringing the checkbook total to \$15,720. There was an upcoming expense for printing at Copy Pro and a reimbursement to Chris S. for a U-Haul he rented to perform an act of kindness. A family was being evicted from their home and needed to be out at a very specific time. With the help of Chris, Dana and Joe, they were able to move the family, saving their possessions.

Adopt a Senior Update

Marlys reported that there was \$4,250 in the checkbook with an upcoming expense for printing.

Membership Update

The Club welcomed new member, Lynn Bergerson

Communications and Activities Update

Natasha reported that the Club continues to get inquiries and is tagged on Facebook frequently. She explained the status of volunteers for the following upcoming events.

Upcoming Events

- **Adopt a Highway Cleanup** – Sunday, October 12 at 10 a.m.
There are four miles along Stacy Trail that need to be cleaned. There will be food grilled after that, and members were encouraged to help. A signup sheet was being sent around. A reminder email will be going out with a link to the meeting place for those who sign up.
- **Age Well Expo** - Friday October 17 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
The Age Well Expo is an event for the senior community with vendors and speakers. It will take place at the Senior High School, as it has been in the past. Volunteers will be confirmed at the Adopt a Senior meeting on Monday, October 13.
- **Trick or Treat on Main Street** - Friday, Oct 24 at 4-6 p.m.
The signup sheet was being passed around. Volunteers are encouraged to wear costumes. Marlys will get the candy. The spinning wheel and other items are in the storage shed. Volunteers are needed for setup, and it was decided to meet at 3 p.m.
- **Zion Community Meal** - Monday, December 22 starting at 3:30 p.m.
Volunteers will be needed. Volunteers must wear hats and bring desserts. Rusty will be asked to lead the group in caroling.
- **Holiday Mug Making – December 14**
A committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. Members who signed up were Shelley, Beth, Lori, Marlys, Jeri. Trena, Beth, and Jessie also volunteered to join. Some members provided Shelley mugs and supplies, which will be put into storage. She also had an inventory from Lori, who was not at the meeting, of supplies and informed members of items still needed. Beth had a lead on greens and feathers. It was decided to start making the mugs at 10 a.m. on December 14 with a potluck to follow.
- **Mitten Tree** – Month of December.
Lori will have the Mitten Tree set up at the Uncommon Loon. Waterproof mittens were requested by the schools.
- **Tea Party** – October 20
Christa was organizing a Tea Party at Parmly and asked for witch's hat donations for residents to decorate.
- **Holiday Caroling** – Month of December
Coordination with Rusty is needed for dates and times.
- **GNC Social Night at Scooters** - Wednesday, November 5 at 6 p.m.
Scott secured the back area. He encouraged volunteers to invite new people for socialization and to learn more about the Club.
- **Celebration of the Lakes** – Weekend of February 14, 2026
The new Chamber Director will be scheduling a meeting to talk about COL. The GNC will participate by holding the night hike and turkey bowling. It had not been decided which lake it will be on.

Volunteer Opportunities

– Flowerbed Cleanup

A request came in over the hotline from a woman who recently had surgery and needs help with fall cleanup of her flower beds. She has her grandkids coming over on Sunday morning (same day as cleanup) but would like some adults present to assist them. Christa offered to reach out to her and help that morning. She will let Club members at the road cleanup know if they are needed that afternoon.

Recap of Past Club Events

– Shafer Bank Robbery – September 13

Shelley took a video that is posted on Facebook. There is also a different one on Utube. Freddy shared a story about running into someone up north that recognized him from the robbery and another person recognized his dog from the parade. Freddy is a legend in the making!

– Zion Community Meal – September 29

It was said that more desserts were needed as they ran out. Approximately 285 meals of goulash were served. It was also pointed out that there is a lot of cleanup work afterwards and members should stick around to help.

Miscellaneous Discussion Items

– Winter Apparel

Apparel can be ordered online. There is a link on the website and on the blog. Pickup is in North Branch behind the Holiday Station.

– Food Shelf Donations

To date the Club has donated \$2,073 in funds, \$2,475 in food, and \$300 in mittens.

Acts of Kindness – No act of kindness is too big or too small!

- Tim was driving back from fixing an alternator for a daughter's roommate when they noticed a 12-foot piece of steel dragging off the back of a truck. They got him to stop, and they helped him secure his load, likely avoiding an accident or ticket from a police officer who was nearby.
- Steve gave \$10 to a guy on the street in Chicago who locked his keys in his car and needed money.
- Scott and Natasha gave money to a homeless guy they met in Duluth who needed money for a bus ticket.
- Bruce and Shawn helped move a hide-a-bed for someone who was getting a new one, and they ended up hauling that one into their house too. She wanted to get rid of the bed, so it was stored in the Dunne garage until Christa took it for her daughter. Christa added that she met the lady who donated the couch, and she will be speaking at the Tea Party Christa is planning.
- Rochelle was out shopping with her husband who noticed a woman in a wheelchair struggling to get something off the top shelf. He went over to assist her.

- Christa just finished the book called "Harassing the Devil" which was written by a guy who was assisted by Club members during Ki Chi Saga Days to tear down his display at the end. In the book, he wrote about mission trips and helping the community.

Next Meetings

- Board Meeting November 13, 2025
- Club Meeting December 11, 2025

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary Michele 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."