

NEIGHBORS AND NEWCOMERS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY

MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2020

Neighbors and Newcomers of Cumberland County meeting of January 23, 2020 was held at Thunderbird Recreation Center, 106 Deer Run Circle, Crossville, TN.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by President Brenda LaVigne. 96 members, 7 guests present.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion was made by Jan Elwood, seconded by Nancy Clore to accept the secretary's report. Motion was made by Susan Wilson, seconded by Carolyn Boyle to accept the treasurer's report. Notice was given that we must suspend running a 50/50 raffle as it does not conform with Tennessee laws. Discussed that we will need to find some new creative ways of replacing the funds we made from the raffle, which constitutes a loss of approximately \$1,200.00 per year. A thank you from the president for all who participated in one of our fundraisers last month. Approximately \$875.00 was raised between the Mini Silent Auction, Cookie sales, 50/50 and Ugly Sweater Contest, along with a generous cash donation from the members of \$968.00 and the many, many clothing and toy items brought in and bought for our Christmas family at House of Hope. Thank you's were also made to Shirley Butka, Judy Edwards, Lucille Kelly, Betty Andrews, Robbie Corben and Brenda LaVigne for shopping for and delivering gifts to House of Hope for our Christmas family. Work continues on the website. May have to hire a web designer and we're looking into acquiring a new domain name. Constitution and by-law committee continue to meet.

NEW BUSINESS: The Constitution and By-Law committee have been working diligently to update our Constitution and By-Laws. Currently the Constitution and By-Laws are in one document. We are attempting to clarify the governance of our club and the roles and responsibilities of the officers and chairpersons in our By-Laws. Separating the Constitution and the By-Laws will allow for needed future changes to the By-Laws without voting to change the entire Constitution. Therefore, a motion was made by Terri Curran, seconded by Cindy Leckvarick.

The motion was read by Terri Curran and stated: "I move that, in the interest of being able to make changes as necessary in coming years to the Constitution and By-Laws of Neighbors and Newcomers of Cumberland County, that we separate the Constitution and By-Laws into two separate documents." The motion passed by a vote of 93 Yays, 3 Nays. Voting done by 96 paying dues members. 2/3 vote of dues paid members was required for passage. Fliers were placed on all tables of information and donations for our Live Auction at our May 28, 2020 meeting. Members were asked to bring in their items in February, March or April. Members are asked to try and bring a guest for the auction meeting. Nominations will take place in March for the new club year with elections taking place in April. Our service project for this month of supplies or cash donations are for Plateau Pregnancy. Jan Elwood was taking fundraising monies for purchase of cinnamon rolls from Dinky Doo's. Payment at this meeting for delivery at February meeting. It was brought to everyone's attention that if you make a reservation and do not cancel by the meeting notice date you are expected to pay for your lunch. Please make check payable to N & N and send to the P.O. Box 1835, Fairfield Glade. The club cannot afford to take the loss on no shows. If 4 people do not pay that reserved a spot we lose \$60.00! We have already lost 50/50 and cannot take that kind of loss. Legends and The Clyde York Center have requested that we remind the membership that they do not give out to-go boxes. It's a health code violation for them to do so. If you want to take your lunch home bring your own container. Therefore, you are accepting responsibility for the safety of your own food. Also, it is impossible to make luncheons that are suitable for every dietary concern. Please don't ask the staff for special items from their kitchens. We have contacts with our vendors and they supply what is on reservation announcement. If you don't eat what is served you are still required to pay for your reservation. The club received thank you notes from House of Hope, Peavine Care Center, St. Alphonsus Community Services and the Bryant Symphony Orchestra.

INVOCATION/LUNCH: Invocation was given by Jan Elwood. Lunch of roast beef, chicken, mashed potatoes, herb roasted mixed vegetables, garden salad, vanilla or chocolate cupcakes, and sweet/unsweet tea, coffee and water was provided by Tansi Caterers, David and Jennifer King.

SPEAKERS: Terri Curran spoke to us of the Perfect 36. 19th Amendment celebration, equal rights amendment. This amendment was passed in 1920 by

Harry Burns from Nyota, TN after 2 days of a tie of 35-35, because of a letter from his mother! August 18, 2020 there will be a big celebration in Nashville for the 100th anniversary. Dwight Wages from the Southern Stars Symphonic Brass gave an interesting presentation on what their band is and about their instruments and concerts. Fliers were on all tables for their next concert, Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 3:00 pm at Stone Memorial High School Auditorium.

REPORTS: Caring report was given by Linda Andrews, for Dec./Jan. a total of 5 cards were sent all get well or thinking of you.

Guests report by Cheryl Adams who presented 7 guests. The door prize was won by Judith Carleton.

Shirley Butka has no trips planned right now, but is trying to plan for the month of February.

DOOR PRIZES: Presented by Shirley Butka. Prizes were: Cumberland County Playhouse tickets, Dave Automotive, Captain D's, Mayberry's, 5th Street Marketplace, Grinder House, Hair Connection, Sweet Haven, Poppie's Florist, Regions Bank, Villa Pizza, Southern Stars Symphonic Band and Rene' (Rainey) Burt from Fairfield Beauty Shoppe.

NEXT MEETING: February 27, 2020 at Christ Lutheran Church, 481 Snead Dr., Fairfield Glade. Program will be Bee Keepers. Guest speaker will be Sheila Ray. Bring: Phoenix School donations-diapers, wipes, baby items, notebooks. We will be collecting money for gift cards. Shirley Butka on our 35th anniversary. Catered by Flying Pig.

ADJOURNED: 1:45 PM by President Brenda LaVigne.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Burt

Co-secretary