**NEIGHBORS AND NEWCOMERS CLUB OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2019**

Neighbors and Newcomers Club of Cumberland County meeting of October 24, 2019 was held at Legends at Druid Hills Restaurant. Before the meeting census worker Clintina Simms spoke about the need for census workers in the area for the 2020 census.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by the President Brenda LaVigne. There were 93 members and 12 guests present.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Amotion to accept the treasurer’s and secretary’s reports was made by Cindy Leckvarcik and seconded by Mary Ceurvorst. A total of $310.00 cash and checks and other items have been donated to Cumberland County School Nurses and Counselors. $500.00 donation to Cancer Center at CMC, since the September meeting there provided the luncheon at no cost to us. Picture on web-site and will be in the newspaper. Forming committee for Constitution and Bylaw review. Will meet November 8, 2019. People are needed. Any changes or web ideas/help, please contact Carolyn Boyle, web master. Yearly dues are due this month for the 19-20 club year and need to be paid. $13.00 per person. Reminder from Robbie Corbin-reservations: You **do not** have to reply to the reservation email if you are **not** coming to meeting/luncheon. We will be selling the remaining stock of t-shirts at the December meeting for $5.00.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We had many spirited members/guests in costume for charity. Thank you to all who participated. We collected service project money this month for turkeys for donation to the food bank. We usually purchase at Wal-Mart, but will check pricing at Kroger and Food City also. Reminder that there is an early cutoff for reservations for the December meeting. The cutoff date is November 20, 2019. The service project for the December meeting will be to collect funds and/or gifts for needy families. There will be a cookie sale at the December meeting. Board members will be asked to bring 3-4 dozen cookies or baked goods each. Usually it is cookies only, but the majority felt it could be bars and such also. The President suggested an ugly sweater theme for charity at the December meeting for a $5.00 donation.

**LUNCHEON:** The Invocation was given by Barbara Brust. A nice table service luncheon of grilled chicken salad and rolls with strawberry shortcake for dessert was served.

**PROGRAM:** The program was “Kids on the Rise”. The speaker, Pam Burris-present director, was introduced by Terri Curran, a former director and mentor for the program. Pam gave a very informative talk about the program which is used to bridge the gap and offer opportunities to children who would not otherwise have this need fulfilled. She gave amazing statistics and said they have had 20 students graduate since 2015. The program serves K-12. Presently have 55 mentor teams, 2 PT staff members. They are a United Fund Partner Agency and rely on 75% private donations. The students are referred through the school system. Mentors are always needed.

**REPORTS:**

**Caring:**  Judi Christman, gave a report on 6 members. Her special message was, “Contentment- we can find we already have at home”.

**Guests:** Cheryl Adams introduced 12 new guests. Alyce Allen won the new guest prize. Cheryl also made us aware of the Honor air flight fund raiser at the Palace theatre on November 9, 2019. $15.00/person, $12.00 of which goes directly to the program. She informed us that the next Honor Air flight will be April 15, 2021 and will be for all female veterans.

**Birthdays:** October birthday winner was Karen Kalooska, and November birthday winner was Kathy Rusk.

**50/50:** The 50/50 committee gave out 5 prizes of $27.00 each. The winners: Terry Stout, Sharon McClughen, Denise Ranger, George Ellis, and Bonnie Strong. The club received $115.00.

**Door Prizes:** Shirley Butka gave out door prizes to the lucky winners from: Cumberland County Playhouse tickets, Hair Connection haircut, 5th Street Marketplace Café', Kirk Automotive (2), Captain D’s (4), Poppies Florist, Forte’s, Villa Pizza (2), Rene’ at Fairfield Beauty Shoppe, Raise the Woof.

**Christmas families:** Shirley Butka also pointed out that she had put lists for 3 families that we could purchase and/or donate to help them out this Christmas. The families have 3, 3 and 8 members. Each slip of paper had the age, sex, sizes & needs/wants for a different family member. Someone alos pointed out that on 12/9 & 10 at the fairgrounds, they will be wrapping gifts for House of Hope and can also use donations of wrapping paper, scotch tape and tags.

**Next meeting:** December 5, 2019 at the Clyde M. York 4-H Center. Bring money and/or gifts for our Christmas needy families and money to purchase Christmas cookies. Wear ugly sweaters for Ugly Sweater contest and donate $5.00 for charity.

The president thanked Decorations, Legends, Waiters and Waitresses.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Burt

Co-secretary