**Neighbors and Newcomers of Cumberland County**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 27, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Terri Curran at 11:14a.m. She welcomed 71 Members and 15 guests to the meeting at Tansi Restaurant.

**Old Business:**

* A motion was made to accept the Treasurer and Secretary reports as posted on the Website by Brenda LaVigne and seconded by Jan Elwood.
* Name badges, one of our fundraisers, can be ordered at any time at a cost of $10.
* The December collection for Christmas families brought in $1751, the most ever collected. Thank-you’s were received from all agencies involved in the selection of families to receive assistance.
* Other funds raised in December were $209.00 from cookie sales, $35 for the Ugly Sweater contest, and $251 from the sale of poinsettias.

**New Business:**

* President Terri Curran and past President Brenda LaVigne will be taking the past several years of Neighbors and Newcomers records to the Cumberland County Archives to be stored with past years.
* This month’s fundraiser benefits the Art Circle Library’s “Imagination Library” program. Eligible children from Cumberland County who have applied to this program are mailed a book a month from birth to age 5.

**Reports:**

* Caring report: Judy Christman reported that 3 cards were sent in December- 2 to the families of members who passed away, and one get well card.
* Guest report: Cheryl Adams introduced 15 guests, two of whom have already joined today as new members, and a few who indicated they definitely would be joining. Linda Jagels won the guest prize.
* Trips: Shirley Butka reports that she is working on a couple trips she hopes to introduce at the February meeting. Members thanked her for the wonderful trip last week to see The Lion King and for all the time she put into planning and handling unexpected problems.

**Entertainment:**

* Jan Bernhagen introduced Bryce McDonald, from the Cumberland County Playhouse. The original program was to include actors from the Playhouse performing songs from Peter Pan Jr, opening in a couple weeks, and other songs, but Bryce explained all 4 of those actor/singers were quarantined due to COVID-19. Instead, Bryce provided the group with the history of the Cumberland County Playhouse and how the Playhouse came to be. He also shared the story of how he came to be involved at the Playhouse beginning as a 4th grader many years ago, up to now as CEO and Producing Director.
* Bryce also shared with us what their proposed 2022 Season includes. He also surprised us with the announcement that the Playhouse will match the Imagination Library collection taken today, and in November, the Christmas family collection, as well as providing tickets for our chosen families to take their families to see the Christmas production!

The January birthday prize was won by Joyce Davis. There were 18 prizes given from 12 local businesses, and one donated by Cheryl Adams. Please thank these businesses for supporting Neighbors and Newcomers when you visit their establishments: Cumberland County Playhouse, Hair Connection, 5th Street Marketplace, Mayberry’s, Captain D’s, Poppies Florist, Rene’ Burt at Fairfield Beauty Shop, Dave Kirk Automotive, Villa Pizza, Regions Bank, Forte’s, and Dogwood Exchange.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23.

The next meeting will be held at the 4H POW Camp on February 24. RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE IN BY

FEB. 10, A WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL! Bring monetary donations for our February charity- Standing Tall,

an equestrian therapy program at Wildwood Stables.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Leckvarcik, Secretary