

**Neighbors and Newcomers of Cumberland County**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 24, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Terri Curran at 11:10 a.m. She welcomed 76 Members and 5 guests to the meeting at Clyde York 4-H Center.

**Old Business:**

- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer and Secretary reports as posted on the Website by Jan Elwood and seconded by Brenda LaVigne.
- Terri received correspondence from Homestead Food Bank, Kids on the Rise, and the Art Circle Library for the Imagination Library, expressing thanks for our generous donations and letting us know how important those donations are to our community.

**New Business:**

- President Terri Curran, past President Brenda LaVigne, and Shirley Butka took several years of Neighbors and Newcomers records to the Cumberland County Archives to be stored with past years. The Archives will organize them and put everything into the permanent records.
- This month's fundraiser benefits Standing Tall Equestrian program at Wildwood Stables in Fairfield Glade.
- Vicky Hajny read an inspirational Valentine story, written by our Billie Mitchell, from the book "Smile Anyway" by author Richelle E. Goodrich.

**Reports:**

- Caring report: Linda Andrews reported that 3 cards were sent in January- one get well card and a thinking of you card. One more get well card will be going out this week.
- Guest report: Cheryl Adams introduced 5 guests, Sandy Droniak won the guest prize.
- Trips: Shirley Butka announced a trip on March 7 to the Tennessee Theater in Knoxville for their Mighty Musical Monday program. Cost at this time is \$25, subject to change with number going. She is working on a couple other possible trips.
- Fundraising: Jan Elwood reminds us the name badges can be ordered at any time for \$10. Jan will be collecting items for our May Silent Auction at the March and April meetings, or you can call her for pick up or to drop your donations at her home. Jan reminds us that one of our fundraisers is the Downtown Crossville Tour, led by Terri Curran. Cost is \$5, and lasts 1-1 ½ hours. Those that took the last one felt it was very informative with the included historical background.

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Angie Mangiaracina

**Program:**

- Jan Bernhagen introduced our speaker for this month, Jo Townsend, from Standing Tall Equestrian Program. Jo, with her assistant Dionne Martinez, gave a very nice history of the program, the benefits, and showed a Power Point presentation of the various activities included in the program. She encouraged anyone interested in volunteering with the program to contact them. There are many ways to volunteer.
- A check for \$696 was given to Jo Townsend for Standing Tall from the collection taken today.

The February birthday prize was won by Sandy Bronske.

There were 13 prizes given from 9 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, 5<sup>th</sup> Street Marketplace, Mayberry's, Poppies Florist, Rene' Burt at Fairfield Beauty Shop, Dave Kirk Automotive (2), Villa Pizza (2), and Regions Bank (2)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

The next meeting will be held at Lake Tansi Restaurant. Deadline for reservations is March 17. Our program will be the Crossville Military Museum. Bring monetary donations for our March charity- Cumberland County Rescue Squad

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Leckvarcik, Secretary