**Neighbors and Newcomers Club**

**Meeting Minutes October 28, 2021**

The October 28, 2021 meeting is held at the Community Complex Fairgrounds and was called to order at 11:13.

Terri Welcomed:Guests, New Members and Returning Members and ask to please mute all cell phones**.**

The Decoration Committee was also thanked for their festive decorations and reminded everyone that decorations belonged to the club, and were not free to be taken home. A few tables decorations from the last meeting are missing and if you accidentally took them home, please return them.

Carolyn Boyle and Paula Ochoa were also thanked for all their hard work on the Web-Site. It is pretty much up to date.

Old Business:

* Approval of May and September minutes. Approved by Brenda LaVigne and seconded by Jan Elwood. Treasurer’s report filed for audit. Both on website
* FUNDRAISERS – Poinsettias – sign up at fundraising table if you want to order for delivery December 2 meeting. They are $9.00 per pot. Red or white are the choice. Name badges can be ordered anytime for $10.00
* REMINDER - Dues need to be paid by the October meeting to remain active. You may attend one time as a guest. Dues are $16.00
* REMINDER – When making reservations you must cancel by the date on the meeting announcement or you will be charged as a no show. If a guest doesn’t show and you don’t cancel you are responsible for their meal. Many of the caterers we have charge for the number we turn in at the reservation deadline, not the number who show up. Call Robbie Corbin, Reservation Chair to cancel.
* October is when we collect money for Turkeys, and drawing names for our Christmas families. Carolyn Boyle stated that $831.00 had been collected so far for turkeys and that those that wish to donate may send a check to the PO Box. Terri says she spoke to the meat manager at Wal-Mart and at this time he did not know how many turkeys would be available or how much they would cost. She will check with him again next week.
* There are pieces of paper on each table for you to choose a family to purchase gifts for, or you can donate $$ in the Christmas bag or give the money to Shirley. Christmas gifts you purchase should be turned in unwrapped at the December 2nd meeting .
* Board vacancies – need Assistant Publicity and Webmaster.
* Also, Facebook administrator help for Brenda. Brenda explained this is not a board position and just wants help monitoring/co-administrating the Facebook page. She explained that our Facebook page is a private page for dues paid members only and is not open to the public to join.

New Business:

* Thanks to everyone who dressed for Halloween. Shirley had prizes for top two. Vote was by applause. The top four were: 1. Pat Richmond, 2. Carol Haverdink, 3. Angie Mangiaracina and 4. Mary Crane
* December 2 meeting is at 4H Camp. Cutoff for reservations for the December meeting is November 18th because they require two weeks lead time.
* DOWNTOWN TOUR – Tuesday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. $5.00 per person. After a casual walk learning about some of the history of the town and buildings we can meet at Grinder House for lunch. Sign up at the Fundraising Table. The Fundraising Committee is trying to come up with ideas to help raise money. They are open to suggestions.
* Cookie Bake sale is also in December. Board members are asked to contribute at least 2 dozen cookies. Other baked goods are ok.
* Wear your ugly sweaters contest. Pay $5.00 to participate. The winner will get to keep ½ of the donations to ugly sweater.

Reports:

* Treasurer – Carolyn Boyle states all reports are posted on the web-site for your review.
* Guests – Cheryl Adams introduced our seven guests
* Caring /Judi Christman
* Trips – Shirley Butka states there are still a few seats available for The Lion King in January. Contact her for further info.

She stated everyone had a good time at the Bush Bean Factory Tour. On the way home they made side stops at the Russel Stover Candy Store in Sevierville and stopped in Knoxville to board and tour the Pinta. It is a replica of the original ship that Christopher Columbus sailed on.

Invocation given byAngie Mangiaracinabefore we feasted on the potato bar with choice of barbeque pork or chicken, salad, and a peach cobbler for dessert provided by The Flying Pig.

Program: Jan Bernhagen introduced Denise Melton, House of Hope. Denise has been with House of Hope for 24 years. She says there is a huge need to help grandparents raising their grandchildren. She gave us the history of House of Hope and the many programs that they provide for: Safe Haven, Forensic Interviews, CRIT - Facility for Child Protective Investigative Team, Client Support Services, Supervision Services, My Choices Journey of Hope, Community Service Opportunities, GRACE Program for grandparents, Generation Next Summer Program, Child Safety Days, House of Hope Angel Tree Network, Angel Tree Database, Hope Manning Memorial Scholarship and Thread of Hope Thrift Store. They have been able to purchase a new warehouse that will allow them to expand their services in the future. They are always looking for volunteers.

Birthdays:

October- Diane Treanor was the lucky winner for the number drawn closest to her birthday and Shirley Nichols won for November.

Door Prizes:

Shirley Butka had many nice door prizes donated by the business community for the enjoyment of Neighbors and Newcomers. Please thank their business by sending in the pre-stamped post card or stop in and thank them in person. Items donated this month from: The CC Playhouse, Hair Connection, 5th Street Marketplace, Mayberry’s, 4 certificates from Captain D’s, Poppies Florist, Rene Burt, 2- Dave Kirk Automotive certificates, Fortes, Regions Bank and Cheryl Adams donated 2 cards.

Shirley states she is also planning a shopping day with the money collected for the Christmas Families on Saturday, December 4th. Contact her if you can be a shopper. Kelly Shepard of the Flying Pig donated $50.00 towards the purchase of basketballs. His donation was greatly appreciated.

MISC.Terri is working with the Archives in town and asks that anyone holding onto N&N files let her know so they can be taken down to be stored.

Next Meeting:December 2, 2021 @ 4H Camp

Meeting Adjourned at 1:20

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda LaVigne