

Neighbors and Newcomers of Cumberland County
Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2021

President Terri Curran called the meeting called to order at 11:10 am. She welcomed 80 members and 11 guests to the meeting.

Old Business:

- A motion to accept the October treasurer and secretary's reports posted on the website was made by Cindy Leckvarcik and seconded by Susan Wilson.
- We are still in need of the following board positions: Assistant Publicity and Assistant Webmaster. Billie Mitchell will assist Brenda LaVigne with administering the Facebook page.
- The collection for turkeys brought in \$831. Because of Walmart's uncertainty of providing the number of turkeys we would need, it was decided to purchase gift cards instead of turkeys. These were given to 4 organizations: Crab Orchard Care Center, Homestead Food Pantry, House of Hope, and Roane State Community College Food Pantry. Agency names were obtained from Holly Neal, Director of Cumberland County United Fund.
- 7 members braved the weather for the Downtown Tour and had a nice lunch at Grinder House. Another tour may be planned in the spring if there is interest.

New Business:

- Ugly sweater contest- \$5 donation. First place: Billie Mitchell; 2nd place: Terri Curran; 3rd place: Lori Burt.
- The annual officers' cookie sale was a success with \$207.00 raised. Thanks to Jan Elwood and her helpers for packaging and getting the cookies out for sale! Thanks to all who baked cookies to donate!
- A collection was taken for the Christmas families from House of Hope. Shirley will shop with her volunteers on Saturday.

Reports:

- Guest report: Cheryl Adams- there are 11 guests. Maryanna Teal won the guest prize
- Caring report: Judy Christman- 4 cards were sent to members for various reasons.
- Trips: Shirley Butka- the cost for Lion King has increased by \$40. Participants were asked to forward additional payment today so Shirley can complete the ticket purchase. Shirley is researching several new trips.
- Vicky Henry announced an event at the Fair Park Senior Center, "Ladies Night Out," on December 6 from 4-8 featuring bingo, dinner and vendors.

Entertainment:

- Our program today, "The Tennessee Senior Jewels", was introduced by Francis Brooks. "The Tennessee Senior Jewels" is associated with the Tennessee Senior Pageant. Performing with the "Senior Jewels" is Miss Senior America Tennessee 2021. They presented a wonderful program.

The December birthday prize was won by Jan Gillespie. There were 17 prizes awarded from 10 local businesses and 5 additional secret "Santa" gifts. Please thank our local businesses for their generosity as you visit their businesses: Cumberland County Playhouse, Hair Connection, 5th Street Marketplace Café, Mayberry's, Captain D's Fish and Fries, Poppie's Florist Fresh Flowers, Rene' Burt at Fairfield Glade Beauty Shop, Dave Kirk Automotive, Villa Pizza, and Regions Bank.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on January 27, 2022 at the Lake Tansi Restaurant. A collection will be taken for the Art Circle Library's participation in the Imagination Library.