Neighbors and Newcomers Club

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2023

The February meeting took place at Christ Lutheran Church in Fairfield Glade. It was called to order at 11:02 am by Vice President Jan Gillespie. She welcomed all guests, new members and returning members and reminded everyone to mute their cell phones. 77 were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Old Business:**

* Jan requested a motion be made for the approval of the January Minutes and Treasurers report as posted on our web-site. A motion made by Susan Wilson and seconded by Cindy Leckvarcik .

**New Business:**

* Jan thanked all that volunteered to stay and help clean up. She also thanked the decorating committee for the lovely Valentine decorations and for heart boxes of candy on the table. Jan ask that members refrain from using reserved signs on the tables. We don’t look friendly to new guests and new members if tables are reserved. We use reserved signs for special guests and speakers.

**Announcements:**

* She reminded us that the Fundraising Committee will begin accepting your silent auction items beginning at the March meeting.
* Thank you to the cookie committee for putting together bags of cookies to sale and to all of those members that baked cookies. We made $195.00 in cookie sales.
* Pre-sales of our 40th Anniversary commemorative will take place today. They are $3.00 each or 2/$5.00 and will be available at the March meeting. Phyllis Fielder took orders for our commemorative pens in a choice of colors.
* Brenda LaVigne emailed a document to all members titled, “How To Reach Us”. It included all the email addresses we use to communicate with you and how you can communicate with the board. Please review our web-site.
* Shirley Butka told the group about our March meeting being our 40th Anniversary month. She stated we first started as a Welcome Wagon program. Ladies grew to want more of a club and they had the First meeting of Neighbors and Newcomers on the fourth Thursday in March 1983 and we’ve grown from there. Our first By-laws was passed in 1984. I am trying to reach all past presidents of the club and invite them to our 40th Anniversary meeting next month.
* Shirley read a thank you letter from House of Hope.
* Cheryl Adams had graciously volunteered to be the Nominations Officer for this year as well as for 23 -24 year. We thanked her for taking on this job.

Cheryl stated she has been a member for 23 years. She asks that you please consider taking a position and to call her if you wish to volunteer.

* Our Service Project this month was for the Cumberland County Adult Reading Council. Please donate to this worthy cause.

**Reports:**

* **Fund Raising** –Jeanne Daugherty asked for you to see her to order name tags, commemorative pens, or if you have questions about auction items. Jan Elwood was not there today.
* **Guests** – Cheryl Adams stated we had 6 guests today. Susan Grudzinski won the welcome gift.
* **Caring** – Linda Andrews said January was a busy month for surgeries and illnesses with 8 cards sent out.
* **Trips** – Shirley Butka told the group she has few trips in the works. We will be going to the Governors Mansion in May and to the Tennessee Theater in Knoxville this July to see the life of the Temptations. Watch for an email explaining the trips in a few days. She talked about the wonderful trip we had in February to Granville, TN.

**Invocation:** Jan Gillespie recited the Irish Blessing and ask the club to join her.

**11:45 Lunch**

* Buffett lunch was prepared by Grade A Catering and consisted of beef stroganoff, buttered herb noodles, salad, peas & carrots, baked French bread, and cheesecake for dessert.

**12:15 Program:**

* Jan Bernhagen introduced Oliver Dossman, Director of Eden Ridge Missionary Retreat. He stated he was a missionary kid. He was born in Paris, France and was in Ecuador with his parents for 14 years. He ended up coming to the United Sates for school, he loved it here and has become a citizen. Eden Ridge was founded in Cumberland County in 1998 and is a respite care facility for missionaries. Visit their web-site at Edenridge.org for more information about their ministry.

**Birthdays**  - Shirley Butka

* 3 members had birthdays this month. Sandy Thomas won the birthday gift.

**Door Prizes**

* Shirley Butka had many wonderful door prizes this month. They included: Playhouse tickets, Hair Connection, Mayberry’s, 4 certificates for Captain D’s, Poppies Florist, Rene Burt at Fairfield Beauty Shop, 2 gift certificates from Dave Kirk automotive, 2 gift certificates to Villa Pizza, 2 Regions Bank gift bags, and 2 sets of ½ off Playhouse tickets.

**Next Meeting:** March 23, 2023 Clyde M. York 4-H Center

* **Bring:** Money for donation to Kids on the Rise
* The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda LaVigne, Secretary