

# Neighbors and Newcomers Club

## Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2023

The March meeting was held at The Clyde M. York 4-H Camp Center and called to order at 11:00 am by President, Susan Wilson. She welcomed all members and guests and reminded everyone to please mute their cell phones. 98 people were present for the meeting. We had 86 members and 12 guests in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Susan wished all members a HAPPY 40<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary. She said Shirley will speak more on this later.

### **Old Business:**

- Susan ask for a motion to accept February's Meeting Minutes as written and posted on Neighbors and Newcomers web-site. The Treasurers Report is posted for review. Judy Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes and Jan Gillespie seconded the motion.

### **New Business:**

- Shirley Butka spoke about Neighbors and Newcomers 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and how they started out as Welcome Wagon. 23 women decided to form an organization which would allow them to continue their friendship in their new home of Cumberland County. Meetings would be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month as they still are today. 25 years ago the ladies would have potluck lunches and still pay to eat, they've had meeting where ladies would wear paper dresses that they made. Shirley points out different pictures on the picture board of past trips, meetings, and fun. Shirley said the first trip Neighbors took was to Bera, TN and our latest trip was to Granville, Tn. She stated totals from early fundraising efforts were not available, however records from 1993 through 2019 show that over \$100,000 has been distributed to deserving agencies in Cumberland County and in the past five years, in

spite of Covid, we have distributed about \$40,000. Shirley went on to explain the benefits of volunteering. She states she has held numerous positions in the club, as well as, being President twice. She had all the Presidents that were present to stand together for a picture. There were 12 Presidents present at this meeting. She encouraged all members to volunteer for something and join in on the fun.

### **Announcements:**

- Cheryl Adams gave a report on the positions that are and are not filled. As of the start of the meeting there were still four positions not filled. She asks everyone to please volunteer.
- Kids On The Rise was our service project this month and \$683.00 was collected.

### **Reports:**

- **Fund Raising** – Jan Elwood reported the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative pens continue to sell well. We have sold \$87.00 worth of pens today and we only have a few left. She said the pens will use Bic refills. See her if you wish to purchase a name tag. She is collecting items for the May 25<sup>th</sup> Silent auction.
- **Guests** – Cheryl Adams introduced 9 guests today not including David Ortiz, Brenda Noland's service dog. Mick Brown won a small welcome gift.
- **Caring** – Linda Andrews & Judy Christman gave their report on the cards they sent this past month. They also explained the benefits of volunteering on committees, as they both have, and have now become friends.
- **Trips** – Shirley Butka states she still has several spots available for "Aint To Proud to Beg", at the Tennessee theater in Knoxville. The Governor's Mansion Tour is moved to May 23, 2023. See her for details.

**Invocation:** Was given by Angie Mangiaracina

- **11:45 Lunch**

Lunch was provided by the staff of the 4H-Camp. We were served lasagna, steamed broccoli, salad, and chocolate cake. Coffee, tea, and soda drinks were available.

- **12:15 Program**

Erin Clymer and Erica Lewis of Landscape Solutions were our speakers this month. Landscape Solution's has been in business for 20 years. The stated "anything evergreen", took a hit this year with the big freeze that we had in December. They explained how the plants store water in them and that the temperature dropped so fast that the cells ruptured, lost its nutrient's and this caused them to turn brown and drop their leaves. They advised not to cut or fertilize damaged evergreens until fall. They explained the basics of container gardening and passed out an information sheet with the types of flowers that are best to use for container gardening. If you want to bring in your pots they said they would fill them for a small fee. They are on Facebook and Instagram. They also provide some free classes - some for a nominal fee. They also donated two potted containers for door prizes.

**Birthdays** - Shirley Butka

- March: We had seven members or guests with birthdays this month and Lyn Dietsche won a small birthday gift.

**Door Prizes** - Shirley Butka

- Shirley had 19 door prizes to give away this month to lucky winners. They were from: The Playhouse, Hair Connections, Mayberry's, four gift certificates from Captain D's, Poppies Florist, Rene Burt of Fairfield Beauty Shop, two gift certificates from Dave Kirk Automotive, two vouchers for free 14-inch pizzas from Villa Pizza, two Regions Gift Bags, two sets of half price tickets to The Playhouse from Arlene Albert,

Fortes, and Moss Meals. Shirley asks that you please thank these establishment for their generosity.

**Next Meeting:** April 27, 2023, Lake Tansi Restaurant and Bar

**Bring:** Our service project next month will be Christian Counseling Center and will be the recipients of our cash donation .

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 by Jan Gillespe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda LaVigne, Secretary