

# Neighbors and Newcomers Club

## Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2023

The April Club meeting was held at Lake Tansi Restaurant and Bar and was called to order at 11:00 am by President, Susan Wilson. She welcomed all members and guests and reminded everyone to mute their cell phones. 96 people were in attendance for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### Old Business:

- Susan asked for a motion to accept March's Meeting Minutes as written and posted on the Neighbors and newcomers web-site. Jan Elwood made a motion to accept the minutes and Jan Gillespie seconded the motion. The Treasurers Report is posted for review.

### New Business:

### Announcements:

- **Report on Nominations** – Susan read the names of the persons that nominated/volunteered for office for the 2023-2024 Club Year. They are as follows:

**President:** Jan Gillespie

**Vice Pres:** 

**Sec:** Cindy Leckvarcik

**Asst. Sec:** 

**Treasurer:** Eileen Fabsits

**Asst. Treas:** Susan Grudzinski

**Imm. Past Pres:** Susan Wilson

**Reservations:** Nan Wallace **Asst. Res.** Electra Streck

**Fund Raising:** Jeanne Dougherty  
**Assist. Fundraising:** Lori Williams & Jan Elwood  
**Programs:** Muriel Smith      **Asst. Programs:** Evelyn Church  
**Publicity:** Terri Curran      **Asst. Publicity:** Pat Richmond  
**Hospitality:** Vickey Hajny      **Asst. Hosp:** Denise Brown  
**Nomination:** Cheryl Adams      **Asst. Nom:** Susan Meyer  
**Web Master:** Carolyn Boyle      **Asst. Web Mstr:** Peggy Tilliman

**Volunteer Committees:**

**Caring:** Linda Andrews and Judi Christman  
**Decorations:** Mary Crane and Mary Anna Teal  
**Door Prizes:** Shirley Butka  
**Greeters:** Billie Mitchell, Georgie Ellis, and Kathy Rizzo  
**Guest Services:** Carolyn O’Neill and Mary Ann Webb  
**Invocations:** Angie Mangiaracina and   
**Travel:** Shirley Butka

Susan made a request for a motion to accept the slate as presented by Nominating Chair, Cheryl Adams. Cindy Leckvarcik made a motion to accept the slate as presented and Brenda LaVigne seconded the motion. All were declared elected by President, Susan Wilson and Instillation will take place at the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. She also made a plea to fill the vacant positions.

**Silent Auction** – Jan Elwood stated she will accept donated items at her home. You can call her to make arrangements for drop off at her home. Also, if you are bringing items the morning of the meeting please come early.

**April Charity-** Susan reminded us that April’s charity is Christian Counseling Center. Please donate when the bag is passed around if you did not donate at the door.

We had seven ladies that wore their Easter Bonnets as suggested at the March meeting. Everyone clapped for their favorite bonnet and Deb French won a small gift.

### **Reports:**

- **Fund Raising** – Jan Elwood reminded us that you can still order name badges if you would like to have one.
- **Guests** – Cheryl Adams introduced our six guests this month. Judi Etzel won a small gift for having the winning number on her name tag.
- **Caring** – Judy Christman informed us that the caring committee sent out 12 cards this past month to members in need of kind thoughts and words.
- **Trips** – Shirley Butka says that the trip to Knoxville to see “Aint To Proud To Beg”, is full and so is the visit to the Governors Mansion. She said she is also working on trips for the summer and will let everyone know.  
Shirley also reminded us that she collects pull tabs from aluminum cans for Ronald McDonald House, toiletries from hotels, ink cartridges, eye glasses for Lions Club, etc.

**Invocation:** Angie Mangiaracina gave a beautiful prayer prior to our luncheon.

**Lunch:** A buffet lunch consisting of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, and chocolate cherry cobbler for dessert was served

**Program:** Jan Bernhagen introduced Kelli Grace Tipton, founder of **Grace Givers Home Care**. Kelli founded Grace Givers Home Care in 2017 after she struggled to find quality, in-home care givers for her grandmother. She explained the five big players in health care and the

difference in each. They are non-medical, private duty, assisted living, short term & long-term care, and hospice. She also explained the pay sources for each. She states almost all health care faces challenges post-Covid due to increasing costs and staffing issues.

**Birthdays:** Shirley Butka- Five people had April birthdays and Dorothy McKenzie won a small gift for her birthday being closest to the date drawn

**Door Prizes:** Shirley Butka had eighteen door prizes this month. They are from: Cumberland County Playhouse, Hair Connection, Mayberry's, four gift certificates from Captain D'S, Poppies Florist, Rene Burt-Fairfield Beauty Shop, two gift certificates from Dave Kirk Automotive, two certificates for 14" pizza from Villa Pizza, two gift bags from Regions Bank, 2 sets of ½ off Playhouse tickets, Moss Meals, Bramble Berry Café & Bakery, Fortes' gift certificate, and Palms Restorative Spa. Shirley asks that you thank our sponsors when you frequent their establishments.

Our **next meeting** is May 25, 2023, at the Cumberland County Complex where we will hold our silent auction.

The meeting was adjourned by Susan Wilson at 1:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda LaVigne, Secretary