

# Neighbors and Newcomers Club

## September 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The first meeting of the 2022-2023 Club Year is held at Lake Tansi Restaurant and called to order at 11:05 by President, Susan Wilson.

She welcomed guests, new members and returning members

61 members are present including 7 guests

### **Old Business:**

- Motion made for approval of the May 2022 Minutes and review of the Treasurer's report online by Angie Mangiaracina and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda LaVigne

### **New Business:**

- The yellow ¼ fold Calendar of Meetings is made available to all members present. She thanked Cindy Leckvarcik for creating and printing these for the Club.
- Review of the draft By-Law changes, as approved by the Board of Directors, was conducted by Brenda LaVigne. Everyone should have received an email to review the draft for discussion and approval at this meeting. It is explained that most changes were made to update the By-Laws and others for continuity of language.
- **Article III Elections and Resignations: #2.** Suggestion was made that the Club should be notified when a person is installed at the Year End Board Meeting. It is decided this notification will be the Presidents responsibility and go in the Presidents Policy & Procedure Manual.
- There was much discussion around Article V. Duties of Officers, A. President, #7, regarding the language of "Holiday Season Giving" for Thanksgiving and Christmas and there was objection to the use of the term Holiday Season Giving. It was voted to change Holiday Giving to Thanksgiving and/or Christmas giving.

- **Article V. Duties of Officers, A. President, #7 will read:** Coordinate the purchase and distribution of the Thanksgiving and/or Christmas Giving from the donated funds collected at the October and December meetings.
- Sue suggests money collected over \$1,000 for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas could be
  1. Return to the Treasury for distribution in May.
  2. Disburse all other monies by utilizing the Crossville School systems to identify needy families.
  3. Shirley is to distribute gifts and/or money equal to \$1,000

### **Nominations**

We need nominations for four positions. Those are Assistant Publicity, Nominations, Assistant Nominations and Assistant Treasurer. It is noted that Terri Curran is Assistant Publicity and Paula Ochoa is Asst. Web Master and those positions do not need to be filled.

Kathy Filipczak our Assistant Treasurer has resigned her position due to health problems. Sue ask for volunteers from the membership and Ilene Fabits said she might be interested, but wanted to discuss the position with the current and past Treasurer first.

### **Announcements:**

- Susan explained current and upcoming increased costs to the membership. They are as follows:
  1. 2022-2023 Lunch costs. Raised to \$20
  2. 2023-2024 Dues. Will be raised to \$18

The Fundraising Committee has mums for sale and can be picked up outside. 5” pots are \$10.00

### **Reports:**

Fund Raising – Jan Elwood explained the mum sale. See her for name badges

Guests – Cheryl Adams/Carolyn O’Neill-Cheryl Adams introduced the guests and Barbara Todd’s name was drawn for a welcome gift

Caring – Linda Andrews/Judy Christman-They ask to be notified if anyone knows of a member that is ill, or has lost a spouse and they will send a card. 2 cards were sent in June and July. They will be sending one to Terri Curran as she is having knee surgery today.

Trips – Shirley Butka-says no trips are planned at this time, but she is working on a few things.

**Invocation:** Angie Mangiaracina

**Lunch:** A delicious buffet style lunch of Chicken Parmigiana, corn on the cob, salad, roll, blueberry cobbler, soda, water, coffee and tea are available.

**Program:** Muriel Smith introduced Kathy Wheale of The Center of Lifelong Learning. Kathy explained that it started out as small meetings in Fairfield Glade many years ago where ladies shared their knowledge and teach others. It has grown over the years. It is now a Cumberland County Organization where many classes are offered and is housed at Roan State. Information for enrollment was made available.

**Birthdays:** Shirley Butka - Brenda Williams won a gift for July, Jackie Lallak won for August and Jan Bernhagen won a gift for September.

**Door Prizes:** Shirley Butka- Shirley ask that if you win a door prize to be sure and send back the thank you post card. Businesses that donated this month were: The Cumberland County Playhouse, The Hair Connection, Mayberry’s, Captain D’s, Poppies Florist, Rene Burt-Fairfield Beauty Shop, Dave Kirk Automotive, Villa Pizza, Regions Bank, 5th Street Market Place, Forte’s and 3 sets of Playhouse tickets donated by Arlene Albert and Mark Ritchie.

**Other Items of Interest discussed:**

- Carolyn Boyle states-The Club collected \$256.00 in cash plus many craft supplies for the TAD Center After School Program
- Diane Treanor gave us information about the Film Society and how to watch free movies.

- Jan Long suggested that the Club site the Pledge of Allegiance before each meeting. Discussion was held and the membership approved. This will go in the Presidents Policy and Procedure Manuel to be conducted at the meetings.

**Next Meeting:** October 27, 2022 @ Cumberland County Complex Fairgrounds

**Bring:** Money for Thanksgiving donation

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm

Respectful submitted,

Brenda LaVigne, Secretary

10-9-22