

Neighbors and Newcomers Club

Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2022

The October Meeting was held at the Cumberland County Complex Fairgrounds and was called to order by President Susan Wilson at 11:01. She welcomed all Members, New Members, and Guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A motion by Susan was made to approve the September Minutes and Treasurer's report that are posted on the Website. The motion was seconded by Kathy Rusk and Brenda LaVigne.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resignation of Kathy Filipczak, Assistant Treasurer and Robbin DiCiacco, Assistant Reservations. Please see Susan if you wish to volunteer for these positions.
- Gennie Gruber has indicated that she will not be able to continue with being the Treasurer after this meeting due to illness in the family and is therefore resigning her position as Treasurer
- Susan reminds us that October is breast cancer awareness month and reminds us to get our mammogram.

REPORTS:

Fundraising:

- Orders are being taken for Poinsettias to be delivered to our December meeting. They will be \$8.00. Sorry, they do not have color information at this time. See Jeanne Dougherty or Jan Elwood You can still order name badges for \$10.00
- A bag was passed for our Thanksgiving and Christmas charitable giving

Guests:

- Cheryl Adams introduced our guests: Ariel Elms, Susan Meyer and Karen Berry. Ariel won the welcome gift.

Caring:

- Linda Andrews announced that one card had been sent to a member this past month that is having some health issues. She asks that you please notify her or Judi Christman if you know of anyone that is having a hard time and needs a card.

Trips:

- Shirley Butka announced that she has a bus trip planned for Sweetwater Dairy and Mayfield Dairy on November 10th. She says the final cost will depend on how many people are going, but will be about \$30.00 each. Please see her if you are interested in going.

Invocation:

- The uplifting Invocation was given by Angie Mangiaracina prior to our luncheon at 11:45. A delicious salad and potato bar was served by Grade-A-Catering.

Program:

- Our speaker today was Martin Vargus, Executive Director, St. Mary's Legacy Clinic and Nurse, Patty Johnson. They were introduced by Jan Bernhagen. He explained that the clinic serves all of Cumberland County, is free, and that the Crab Orchard Clinic is their busiest clinic. They go to Crab Orchard twice per month on the second and fourth Tuesday's of the month. They treat chronic illness, refer to mental health providers, provide educational material, and dispense medications to the uninsured. They did approximately 400 telehealth visits last year. To access care call 865-212-5570. They accept monetary donations, unopened medications, unused medical supplies such as bandages, needles, splints and braces. The club passed a bag for a monetary donation and \$443.00 was collected and a check was presented to them.

Birthdays:

- Birthday winners were Rosemary Wells for her October 23rd birthday and to Kathy Rusk for her November 12th birthday. Shirley Butka presented a surprise birthday gift to them

Raffle Prizes:

- Shirley Butka had many wonderful door prizes to give out again this month. There were 16 different door prizes from 10 local businesses. They are: The Playhouse, Hair Connection, Mayberry's, Captain D's, Poppies Florist, Dave Kirk Automotive, Villa Pizza, Regions Bank, Dogwood Exchange, and Playhouse ½ tickets from Arlene Albert and Mark Ritchie.

Christmas Families:

- Shirley has 3 families with a total of 11 children this year. There are slips of paper on each table with names that contain the Christmas wish list for the children. Bring your unwrapped purchases to Shirley at the December. She is looking for volunteers to help shop on December 10th. Meet at Hardees on Peavine and I-40 at 9 am for your shopping list. Please call her if you wish to volunteer to be a shopper and deliver the items to House of Hope for wrapping.

Susan tells us she also has one child's name from Martin Elementary that we will buy for out of Christmas funds collected.

Miscellaneous items to collect:

Shirley also reminds us that she still collects small toiletries, printer cartridges, eye glasses, and aluminum pull tabs. She collects the pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House in Nashville.

Voting on Costumes:

- For a \$5.00 donation 4 Members joined in the Halloween fun and dressed in costume. Patty Richmond dressed in her fall leaves costume with twinkling lights was voted the winner.

Next Meeting:

- December 8, 2022 Clyde M. York, POW Camp
- Bring: Money for donation to our Christmas shopping and your unwrapped gifts for House of Hope.

The meeting was adjourned by Susan Wilson at 12:56.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda LaVigne, Secretary