

**Neighbors and Newcomers of Cumberland County**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 7, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Robbie Corbin at 11:00 a.m. at the Clyde York 4 H Center. There were 94 members and 17 guests present at the meeting (10 guests and 7 band members). The Pledge of Allegiance was recited prior to eating. The Glade Dixieland Band played a few songs while people were checking in.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Cindy Leckvarcik, seconded by Diana Trotter, to accept the October on-line secretary's report.
- A motion was made by Mary Ann Webb and seconded by Susan Wilson to accept the October on-line treasurer's report.
- \$600 was collected at the October meeting to purchase turkeys. President Robbie Corbin and Arlene Albert coordinated giving 42 turkeys and 2 turkey breasts to 4 of our local charities.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A collection was taken today for the purchase of Christmas gifts for needy county residents. \$1,001.00 was collected. Shirley asked for and received a few more shoppers for Saturday Dec, 9, after which the entire shopping collection will be delivered to House of Hope for distribution. In addition to the money collected, several members sponsored individual children, adding an in-kind donation of \$1,700 to our total. In 2022, we helped House of Hope provide gifts to 644 kids.
- The December fundraiser- a Christmas silent auction basket- was won by Pat Carpenter, with a bid of \$150.00. All of the proceeds go into the Club treasury. Thanks, Pat!
- Shirley Butka added \$40 to the treasury through the sale of Baklava.
- Today's board-baked cookie sale raised \$269. Many thanks to the ladies who helped with the cookie arranging!
- Past President and long-time Neighbors and Newcomers member and volunteer, Judy Edwards, passed away on Dec. 2. She will be greatly missed.
- The fundraiser for January will be Cream Puffs, made by Shirley Butka and the Fundraising team at a cost of \$3 each. Pre orders are required. People can sign up by calling Nancy Clore or Mary Ann Webb. Phone numbers are on the 2023-23 brochure.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Caring report was given by Linda Andrews. There were 2 cards sent since the last meeting- one "Thinking of You" and a sympathy card for Judy Edwards' family.

The Guest report was given by Carolyn O'Neil. There were 10 guests present. Terry Paradis won the guest prize.

The monthly birthday prize for December was won by JoAnne Masi.

Shirley Butka is planning two *possible* upcoming trips: the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in February to Musical Monday at the Tennessee Theater, and a trip in April to the Knoxville Symphony for "The Music of Rogers and Hammerstein."

The invocation was given by Shirley Butka prior to a delicious lunch of turkey with dressing and mashed potatoes and Pumpkin Pie provided by the 4H Center

Muriel Smith introduced the entertainment today, "The Glade Dixieland Band," who entertained us with their Dixieland music, sing-along Christmas carols, and Dixieland Christmas songs.

Many thanks to the providers of the Door Prizes this month: Cumberland County Playhouse, Hair Connection, Mayberry's, Captain D's Fish & Chips (4), Poppie's Florist (a beautiful Christmas cactus), Rene' Burt- Fairfield Beauty Shop, Dave Kirk Automotive (2), Regions Bank (2).

Please thank these businesses if you are there for their generous donations to Neighbors and Newcomers!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm by Robbie Corbin.

Next meeting will be on January 25 at the Tansi Restaurant, 103 Country Club Drive, Lake Tansi, Crossville.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Leckvarcik, Secretary