

Neighbors and Newcomers of Cumberland County

Meeting Minutes April 24, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Jessie Kent at 11:00 a.m., at the Clyde York 4 H Center. There were 62 members and 4 guests present.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Cindy Leckvarcik, and seconded by Diana Trotter, to accept the March secretary's report.

A motion was made by Brenda LaVigne, and seconded by Shirley Butka, to accept the treasurer's report.

There are several positions still in need of filling for the club to be able to function properly for the next year. Those are: Assistant Webmaster, Nominations Chair and Assistant Chair, Assistant Programs, Fundraising and Assistant Fundraising, and Assistant Hospitality. Please consider helping out.

Donations are still needed for next month's silent auction. This is the main annual fundraiser for the Club. Donations can be dropped off at Jeanne Dougherty's home near Lake St George Marina (Contact her at 931-261-5057), or brought to the May meeting (bring early so they can be priced and included.)

NEW BUSINESS:

\$315 was collected today in a collection for Hospice of Cumberland County.

New officers and committee members will be sworn in at the May meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Caring report was given by Judy Christman. There were 4 cards sent in March and April.

The Guest report was given by Carolyn O'Neil. Today there were 4 guests present. All of the guests have joined and become members. Mary Gourhier won the guest prize.

The monthly birthday prize for April was won by Carol Scrimger.

Shirley Butka is planning two possible upcoming trips: Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary on May 15, and a trip to explore the Jamestown area on June 19. Both hinge on the number of people interested, as well as the repair of the bus Shirley arranges for transportation. Please contact Shirley to put your name on the list if interested in either of these trips.

The invocation was given by Carolyn Spencer, prior to a delicious lunch of salad and a baked potato bar with a lemon bars dessert, provided by the 4H Center.

Evelyn Church introduced the program for today, presented by Lacy Harnage, director of the 4H Center. Lacy gave us an interesting brief history of the former POW Camp and the current 4H Center. The land originally was a Civilian Conservation Corps Camp in the 1930s and 40s. Abandoned, it became Camp Crossville, A World War II POW Camp for German and Italian POWS. It housed 1,500 POWS. After the War, University of Tennessee purchased the land and it became the 4H Center, owned and operated by the University of Tennessee. This Center is part of the State 4-H Program, a group of 152,000 members. There are 10 full time staff, with an additional 20 seasonal staff to maintain the grounds and plan and carry out the programing.

Many thanks to the providers of the Door Prizes this month: Cumberland County Playhouse, Hair Connection, Mayberry's, Captain D's Fish & Chips (4), Rene' Burt-Fairfield Beauty Shop, Dave Kirk Automotive (3), Regions Bank (2), 5th Street Marketplace, and Arlene Albert (2 sets 1/2 price tickets to the Playhouse.) Please thank these businesses/people if you are there, for their generous donations to Neighbors and Newcomers!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm by Jessie Kent.

The next meeting will be on May 22, at the Cumberland County Fairgrounds in Crossville.

Respectfully
submitted,

Robbie Corbin, assistant secretary