

Friends and Neighbors of
1960 Board Meeting – October
16, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:55 a.m. by Sue Behnke,
President.

Present: Sue Behnke, Brenda Hannah, Tracy Lalor, Lin Fish, Debbie Britland, Sharon Schumann, Idalia Skates, Cissie Alexander, Carol Huddleston.

Also, Extended Board Members Sharlene Nelson, Jennifer Banks, Sherry Dunn, Linda Nagel, Margaret Burgess, Myrle Kozlowski, Jacquie Stamates.

Absent: Mona Malone, Sharlene Wesson, Harolene Hatley, June McMillan, Char Marks.

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First Vice President – Brenda
Hannah

The program for the November 6 General Meeting will be Candice Twyman, Executive Director of the Houston Better Business Bureau, discussing how not to become a victim of scams. Brenda continues trying to secure a suitable site for the January 8, 2019, General Meeting. At the request of Sharlene Wesson, Day Trips Chair, a brief presentation will be made by a representative of the “Great Age Movement,” a new organization in Houston dedicated to innovative senior community programs. The organization’s goal is to get golden agers in the Houston area physically moving and more involved, including trips to museums and exercise programs.

A FAN Day Trip in February will pilot an art and exercise program for seniors at the Houston Health Museum.

Secretary – Lin
Fish

Minutes of the August 21 and September 18 Board meetings had been distributed via email for review. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the August 21 and September 18 Board

meetings, as presented. Minutes of the October 2, 2018, General Meeting had been distributed via email for review. It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To accept the General Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2108, as presented.

Lin was asked to widen margins to more easily accommodate members' printers.

Treasurer's Report – Debbie
Britland

Bank balance on September was \$12,650.45. No large expenses were paid during the month.

Auditor – Sharon
Schumann

Absent. No
report.

Newsletter – Cissie
Alexander

No
report.

Historian – Idalia
Skates

No report. Send
photos.

Cookie Exchange – Sharlene
Nelson

Planners are rockin' and rollin' to present a fun Cookie Exchange on Wednesday, December 12, at the Spring Creek Oaks clubhouse at Bur Oak and TC Jester.

Margaret Burgess offered to loan several lovely Christmas holiday tablecloths for the occasion; offer gladly accepted by Sharlene.

Not in the *FANfare* announcement is that participants are invited to bring extra cookies to be given to our charity, Home Place of Texas. This initiative has been successful for the past several years, bringing joy to both charity recipients and bakers.

Christmas Charity Luncheon – Jennifer Banks

Jennifer asked if she can invite June Jones, the founder of Home Place of Texas, to be our guest at the luncheon. Approved by acclamation.

Linda Comeaux and Carole Corey are making 150 Santa hats for name tags. Cissie Alexander, co-chair, reported that Morgan Mai at Northgate Country Club has provided good advice. She knows FAN, caters to our needs and is a joy to work with, according to Cissie. Additionally:

- The entrée will be pecan-crusted chicken.
- Tabletop poinsettias and table numbers will be provided by Northgate.
- Two golf carts will convey guests from parking to the main or elevator entrance.
- Lin suggested the red FAN signs can be used to indicate the elevator entrance if Northgate doesn't have such a sign.
- Linda Nagel asked that centerpieces not be so tall that they interfere with view.

Sharon Schumann, reporting on the silent auction, asked if Board members can store baskets; Carol Huddleston said she has plenty of space for them.

- Sharon thanked Board members who offered to store and to transport baskets on event day.
- Deadline for collecting baskets is November 27, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.
- The forms, tags and receipt pages used last year will again be used.
- Haute Boutique donated a necklace and earrings; discussion ensued about whether it should be auctioned or raffled. Discussion also ranged over splitting the raffle's cash proceeds 50/50 with a single or two winners, or perhaps 75/25, with most funds going to the charity. The decision was left to the Committee Co-chairs.
- Sherry Dunn reported she has plenty of Greeters and would welcome more.
- Myrle reported she has placed flyers at Splash of Sass and other retailers. She has sent information to the *Mirror*, *Impact* and several neighborhood newsletters. She has asked the local *Impact* editor to encourage other editions to include the information.

- Debbie requested two tables for raffle ticket sales and then to collect auction funds.

Jennifer suggested using the “Square” service to process credit card purchases. Each “swipe” would cost FAN \$2.75. Discussion included:

- swiping might slow the check-out process;
- maybe just for purchases over \$100;
- an individual’s I-phone would have to be used to link to Square;
- the fee is cost-prohibitive currently, but it’s an idea to explore in the future.

By show of hands, it was agreed to accept cash and checks this year.

Lin presented Jennifer with a Home Place T-shirt as a thank you for all her creative ideas and hard work to make the fund-raiser a big success.

Greeters – Sherry Dunn Greeters collected comment cards at the October 2 General Meeting; Sherry has typed them up and will email to Board members.

Jennifer suggested New Seasons as a place for lunch as it now has a large back room for groups.

Day Trips – Linda Nagel

- There is room for several more to enjoy the October 30 trip to the Lanier Theological Library, with Dutch-treat lunch at Bluewater Grill on FM 2920.
- Reminder that bus will depart from northeast corner of Spring-Cypress and Champion Forest Dr., with parking near McDonald’s.

Spring Luncheon – Lin Fish

A back-up site has been secured, should Faithbridge not be available to FAN on April 30.

Sunshine – Char Marks

Absent. No
report.

Overnight Trips – Margaret
Burgess

- The trip to San Marcos will be March 21-22. Sign-up will begin in January.

40th Anniversary Celebration – Carol
Huddleston

- “FAN Then and Now” Skit in January will be four members playing cards, sharing coffee and comparing FAN’s early days with current activities.
- She has recruited Shirley Limbaugh, Margie Rogers, D’Ann Gummelt and Marilyn Ablard to present the skit.
- Lin and Carol will interview these volunteers to develop some fun story ideas for the skit.
- Past Presidents will be honored in February (Valentine’s). Share addresses of any you know with Carol so that FAN can send an individual invite for them to attend and be honored. Cupcakes will be served.

OLD BUSINESS 2nd Vice President – Tracy Lalor Tracy proposed a procedure for processing members’ dues payments (copy attached). To help everyone understand, Tracy will start early to educate members of the new process.

- The March *FANfare* will report the process for collecting dues and member info.
- Group leaders will be asked to email their lists of members to the President, 2nd Vice President and Activities Coordinator.
- Revised membership forms will be copied in abundance, thanks to Eric Schumann’s office.
- Tracy will distribute the required number of forms to each activity group leader to collect the completed forms and dues from that group’s members.
- Mona will telephone the Activity leaders to let them know about the upcoming change and that they will have the forms to be completed and dues collected at their April activity.
- Enlisting Group Leaders in the process will discourage non-member friends in the group.
- For those in more than one Activity Group, “Paid to Group #1” will be noted on their

forms for all subsequent groups to which they belong.

- The May newsletter will congratulate by name those groups that have 100% enrollment. (Congratulations to the Flowerettes, the Monday Bridge Group and so on.)

Board members commented that the plan is an excellent starting point to address some ongoing problems and perhaps to resolve the non-paid “member” issue at last.

It was moved, seconded
and

VOTED: To accept the proposal as presented and begin implementing with the 2019-2020 dues collection.

Sue announced that the preferred date for the November Board meeting is November 13, due to the early Thanksgiving date this year.

Adjournment

It was moved, seconded
and

VOTED: to adjourn at 11:23
a.m.

Respectfully
submitted, Lin Fish,
Secretary