

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WOMEN'S CLUB

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

President Kathy Court:

- Due to Kathy Court's scheduled absence, Sherry Dunn, 1st VP, called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM and welcomed members and guests.
- Sandy Darst will continue filling in as Secretary until the end of our fiscal year.
- Approved minutes of February 1 General Meeting: Elsie Colwell moved to accept, and the motion was seconded by Diane Webb.
- Claudia Gallagher introduced our 4 new members: Ida Spearman, Gisela Shelton, Martha Mortimer, and Christian Kayce.
- Lin Fish requested members to send in photos of events and offered raffle tickets to 3 members who sent photos in the past month: Carolyn Grimes, Lou Ann Kubis, and Jaqueline Webster
- Today's lunch venue will be Carrabba's thanks to Marianne Steinbacher.

Board Reports:

1. Nominating Committee – Jennifer Banks

- Speaking on behalf of the nominating committee, Jennifer Banks reported the following list of nominees: Kathy Court – President, Karren Sims – 1st Vice President Programs, Claudia Gallagher-2nd Vice President Membership, Barbara Pack – Secretary, Debi Swaney- Treasurer, June McMillin – Auditor, Kim Gerrish- Newsletter, Linda Comeaux – Historian and Jennifer Banks – Advisor.

2. Treasurer – Debi Swaney

- FAN balance to date -\$22, 475.95 (Charity donations for the holiday luncheon have not been deducted.)

3. Spring Luncheon – Diane Webb

- Our Spring Fling luncheon and will be held on May 3, 2022, at Shirley Acres. Ticket prices for members is \$45.00. April 20 is the last day to sign up. There will be door prizes and live entertainment.
- Volunteers are still needed for this event.
- Diane reminded members to register to attend and she and Sue Ann Lurcott gave raffle tickets to all who registered at today's meeting.

4. Activities – Maggie Farhadi

- Dirt Divas, our new gardening group meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 2:30 In the back building of Plants for All Seasons on Highway 249.
- Arts and crafts joined with Designing Women and meet at Carole Corey's house.
- Laurie Nimberger and Debi Swaney are making inquiries for a location for the classes.
- Additional Mah Jongg leaders are needed.
- We need another Book Club group and leader.
- Maggie sent a letter to group leaders reminding them that ladies taking part in the activities must be members in good standing. If a group leader has a concern, she may contact Claudia Gallagher for verification.

5. Charity – Linda Comeaux

- Nominations being accepted for charity recommendations. A form can be found on the tables.
- There are three charities presented for membership approval: Moving Waters- an organization that provides clean clothes, and hot showers for the homeless population. Shield Bearer offers support for families in crisis through counseling and supplying community-based workshops. Bridging For

Tomorrow provides services including counseling for families in immediate need. FAN traditionally supports small local charities that support women and children. Voting will take place at the next meeting.

6. Web Manager – Laurie Nimberger

- New website has been launched, and old site has been decommissioned.
- Laurie added new Word electronic letterhead with our new logo to FAN member site and is continuously updating the website.
- Laurie will begin tracking site activity.

7. Daytime Bus Trips – Noemi Sirisaengtaksin

- There are a few seats open for our trip to Round Top Festival Institute on March 11. Cost of the ticket is \$10.00.
- Margaret Burgess announced a road trip to San Felipe de Austin, near Brookwood on April 22. Contact Margaret for further details.

8. Socials – Jacquie Stamates

- Plans are in the works for an evening at the Sam Houston Racetrack on April 9. This is the last thoroughbred live race of the season. Cost of the outing is \$28.99 with gratuity and tax included.
- Jacquie and her committee are working on a hat and bonnet contest for the event.

9. Membership – Claudia Gallagher

- Today's attendance including 2 guests and 4 new members was 77.
- We now have 250 members in our organization.
- Update on club membership - reminded membership to complete the application each year.
- Reminder that member contact information that has changed is attached to email with link for each monthly FANfare newsletter.

Treasurer: 50/50 Raffle

- \$ 81.00 dollars was presented to Courtney Gardner and Candace Tabor from the 50/50 raffle.
- Diane Schuh won the painting provided by Pearl Fincher MAF.
- Candy Tabor won the St. Patrick's candy filled mug.
- Gayla Baker received the potted Calla Lily from the Spring Fling Raffle Committee

Next Meeting: Our next FAN meeting is Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Darst, Acting Secretary for FAN