

LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS
GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

Invocation was said by Karen Thurman. Many thanks to hostesses Pam Gilliard and Karen Brimer and to RISD Food Services for catering our luncheon.

PROGRAM

The meeting was called to order by President Janice Rouse at 11:46 am. 30 members and 6 guests were present. Janice introduced principals Mr. Aiken, RHS, Jennifer Moore, Jr. High, JC Vance, Middle school, and Anastasia Armstreet, elementary. Each principal said a word and asked for volunteer help for Intervention Friday where tutoring on those Fridays goes on. Then Candy Thomas, CIS Coordinator and Juana Mendoza, CIS High School were introduced. Joe Nix, Superintendent of RISD introduced himself and gave a brief rundown of his experience and his family. Janice thanked them all for taking the time to come to our meeting, and they went back to work.

BUSINESS MEETING

Reports of Officers

Secretary--Debby Keenan asked if there were any corrections or additions to the August minutes. None were made. Cay house moved and Fawncyne Worley seconded acceptance of the minutes as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer—Pam Bowden briefly went over the latest budget and reported that LCN has \$36,097.98 in the bank and that it was reconciled. The report was filed for audit.

Membership—Jimmie was absent, but Pam reported the membership was still at 61 paid members.

Reports of Standing Committees

School—Karen Thurman reported that the ‘Back to School Fair’ was very much a success. Also, this committee awarded Yantis and Alba-Golden ISD’s checks from LCN for supplies, etc. and they were incredibly grateful.

Scholarship—Janice Rouse reported that there were still 6 recipients that had not returned their information and so had not received their scholarships.

Mini-Market/Good Samaritans—Pam Bowden reported that last weekend was the 5th Saturday at good Sam’s and the sales were successful. The Mini-Market booth sales are coming along. To date 13 booths have been filled.

Veteran’s Program—Betty Davis thanked all the volunteers who helped to make this year’s event such a success. We served over 300 lunches and had a few that had not

made reservations. She has gotten a speaker for next year and may have one for the year after that! She is working on next year's event.

CASA—Pam Smith was not in attendance

Nominating/Hostesses-- no report

Savor the Flavor/Chamber of Commerce—Jean Moize reported that the committee had reserved the same venue, The Wildflower, for next year and it will be held on May 6, 2025.

Sunshine--MJ Dougherty Thanked everyone for cards sent for the deaths in her family. She reminded everyone that if they know of a member who is ill or has a death in the family to please let her know so she can send cards out.

Mardi Gras—Denita Young and Mary Hall reported that the venue, food, and band are all **planned paid** for 2025. They asked everyone whether they were going to the event or not to volunteer the day before for decorating, the day of and the day after for taking down the decorations.

Unfinished and Old Business

LCN's 25th Anniversary Celebration—We will celebrate in August 2025, based on the first newspaper article about the forming of LCN. If you are interested in chairing or being on a committee for this celebration, please attend the Executive Board Meeting on September 16, at EBC. The major task is to research past and present events and all that we have accomplished and where the money was used. We also want to develop a 25th Anniversary cookbook to sell and need a chairperson for that.

New Business

It was brought to our notice that there is a mother of a school employee who desperately needs food. **Janice** will do more research on this problem to see if there is an immediate need. It was suggested that the daughter contact a list of organizations that help in situations like this. Janice and Kristy will purchase \$200 worth of groceries and deliver them. RISD Education Foundation is doing a purse bingo on Nov. 8th. Get tickets from Denita Young. **Passed the hat and raised \$979.00 for the woman in need the Grandy family who lost 3 children to an automobile accident.**

Next Meeting and Hostess

The next meeting will be held on October 3rd at Venue One-O-One. Clarice Bowen and Krista Payne will be the hostesses. The Board will be wearing costumes to the meeting and if there is anyone who chooses to may also come in costume. Please bring one or more of the following items to donate to high school nurses' stations for emergencies.

Travel size deodorants, toothbrush and toothpaste, mouth wash, panties, tampons, Kotex pads, razors, combs, boys' underwear, wipes, etc.

Motion to adjourn by Pam Bowden and second by MJ Dougherty was passed.
Adjournment at 12:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Keenan, Secretary