

LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS

General Meeting, October 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order @ 5:55 pm by Janice Rouse. The Invocation was given by Janice. She gave a big thank you to Clarice Bowen and Krista Payne for the wonderful appetizers and desserts they provided along with wine, tea and water as hostesses. Janice had the members introduce their guests, Wanda McSuade and Paula Thomas.

BUSINESS MEETING

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Secretary—The September minutes were sent to the members previously. Judy Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Clarice seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer—Pam Bowden reported that LCN currently has \$34,070.86 in the bank and that all but the outstanding scholarships are reconciled.

Membership—Jimmie Standridge reported 61 members are currently members.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

School—Donations of personal products were taken for the different school's nurses' stations. Karen Thurman reported that if you forgot yours, you can still bring supplies to the next meeting.

Scholarship—Janice Rouse reported there are 2 scholarships still not claimed. A discussion ensued about scholarships not being claimed and whether there should be an ending date when you could claim the money. There would also be extended circumstances accepted.

Mini Market—Pam reported that they currently have 19 booths and two more that haven't sent in their money/paperwork.

Veterans' Program—Betty Davis reported that there is nothing new to report.

CASA—Mary Hall reported that the head of CASA is doing a video to present as a program. Next month is CASA month at LCN.

Nominating/Hostesses—As Velma (chair of the nominating committee) was absent, Mary Hall opened the floor to take nominations for the 2025-2027 term of the offices of president, membership, and treasurer. She did note that all 3 current officers did say they were willing to remain in those positions for the next term but that nominations for any other members were absolutely welcome. As there were none, a motion was made by Judy Johnson to keep the board as is and was immediately second by _____."

Savor the Flavor—Jean Moize is stepping down as chairperson. Please contact her if you are interested in serving as chair of this committee. Next year's event is May 5, 2025.

Sunshine—No report at this time.

Mardi Gras—Denita Young reported that they will really need volunteers to work before, during and after this event. She reminded the group that the money goes for the scholarships.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

Janice informed the membership that \$1235 was collected for the crash victims and their family. She also said that the Mother/Son who desperately need food were given \$195 worth of groceries and household goods. They were extremely thankful.

LCN's 25th Anniversary—Planning and chairmen volunteers needed. Each committee would have to research the current and past and any other history of that committee or event. We will need the older members to look into events we no longer hold, why and where the money earned went to. Mary Hall, Judy Johnson and Debby Keenan volunteered to be the head of the cookbook, and said we will need tried and true recipes and family recipes. The cookbook introduction would have a brief history of LCN. Karen Thurman volunteered to be the chairman of the info and community awareness.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Velma K. and Sheila Thompson announced The Spirit of East Tawakini at the American Legion in West Tawakini on Oct. 17th. Tickets are \$25 includes dinner and 2 bingo cards.

Mary and Denita reported the RISD Education Foundation will have Purse Bingo, Nov. 8th supporting the foundation which gives grants to their teachers.

Betty Davis is opening a store in Point on Nov1 @10 am (ribbon cutting). She is partnering with Debbie Sterns.

Mini Market will be at the RISD high school gym on Nov.16th. There will also be a bake sale.

Girl's Night Out in Emory is Oct.12th 5 to 8 pm.

Women's Service Club—Thanksgiving Luncheon from 11:30am to 1pm on November 12th. The tickets are \$15.

NEXT MEETING

The CASA meeting will be at the Emory Baptist Church on Nov. 7 @ 11:30am.

The raffles were won by Sandra Russell and Judy Johnson. Best costume was Joanna Kessler.

Pam made a motion and Mary seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned @ 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Keenan, Secretary