

LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Janice Roise at 11:47 PM. Janice gave the invocation. Lunch was provided by the Fusion in the Woods caterer and the Board were hostesses. No guests or new members attended. 30 members were present.

Minutes: The minutes for the November meeting were presented. Fawncyne Worley made the motion and Velma Knowles seconded, accepting the minutes. Acceptance was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Since Pam Bowden was attending a funeral, Janice gave the report. She reported that the accountant filed the LCN report late. She is not charging the club since it was her fault. The current balance is \$35,437.64. Pam has reconciled, filed, and closed all the years before 2022.

Per the previous email sent and approved by the members, the following transfers were made: Transferred \$6700 from Membership to LCN General Fund and transferred \$2000 from Savor the Flavor to the same fund. Additionally, \$800 was transferred from the Unspecified account to School Support to cover the cost of \$50 gift certificates for SPED classes. And \$1000 was transferred from Unspecified account to CASA and Christmas Account to cover additional gifts for the CASA kids not covered by the membership. All accounts and years from 2018 through 2023 are reconciled with the bank.

Membership: Jimmie Standridge said there is no change.

STANDING COMMITTEES

School: Karen Thurman, chairman, stated that Jennifer Johnson, past Superintendent of Rains Co School District, has retired. The new Superintendent is Jim Dunlap.

Scholarship: Janice Rouse announced that the committee is getting ready to send out the applications for this year.

Mini Market/Good Samaritans: Due to Pam's absence, this will be reported next month.

CASA: Pam Smith reported how thankful all the people were to receive gifts for their kids. They still have 14 kids in permanent placements. She told a story of one little girl wanting just a quilt of her own. The Rains quilting group made her one even though it was almost Christmas. They got together and made it happen and got it made right away. Then Pam read a thank you note from CASA for LCN's support.

Mardi Gras: Denita Young and Mary Hall reported that they only had 3 tables left for the event and if any member wanted to reserve a table to tell them today. They made \$20,000 last year and hope to do the same or surpass this amount this year. The event will again be at the Wildflower. LCN is hiring some of its staff to help with food service. Raintree will cater. Denita announced 2 new money raisers they will do this year.

1. Bubbles, Bourbon and Bobbles--The guest will pull for a bottle of Bourbon or a bottle of Prosecco. Then their name will be entered for a drawing of a piece of high-end jewelry.

2. Karats and Cocktail—The guest will pay \$25 to \$30 to try and win a diamond necklace worth \$1200. Each entrant will receive an extraordinary cocktail and glass for donating.

Denita reminded the club that set up will be on Friday, March 1st. The event will be on March 2nd. And the breakdown will be on Sunday, March 3rd. All hands-on deck for all three days is expected. She also explained that even if you are not going to be a paid guest that you can volunteer for a lot of jobs (take tickets, silent auction, etc.) Help is really going to be needed.

Savor the Flavor: Jean Moize announced this event will be held May 7th at The Wildflower and to save the date. Jean will contact the vendors. All other plans TBA.

Sunshine: MJ asked to please let her know if anyone is ill, (having surgery, etc.) or needs help.

Announcements: Janice read a letter from Kim Taylor who is chairman for the Baron's Ball to be held in June in Tyler. Kim wants anyone who can be a sponsor to please contact her.

PROGRAM

Janice went over the 2024 calendar. Different events and their dates were discussed. She asked for volunteers to be hostesses on the meeting days where there were none.

The next meeting will be at the Baptist Church and hostesses will be Judy Johnson and Margie Hooper.

Mary Hall moved to adjourn, and Angela Breikreutz seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Keenan, Secretary