

# **LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS**

## **GENERAL MEETING**

**APRIL 4, 2024**

Many thanks to Clarice Bowen and Krista Payne, who hosted the Meet and Greet at our first evening meeting of LCN. Wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres and a beautiful charcuterie board were served.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by president, Janice Rouse. 25 members and 5 guests were present. All attending were asked to introduce themselves and say whether they are a guest or how many years they have belonged to LCN.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **Officers' Reports**

Secretary: The minutes were sent out to the members via email and copies were provided on the tables. Fawncyne Worley made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Judy Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Pam Bowden reported that we currently have a \$59,120.11 balance. The report was filed for audit.

Membership: Jimmie Standridge reported that we have 64 members, 51 paid members.

#### **Standing Committees**

School: Karen Thurman reported that they met with all three campuses to find out any special needs. The current needs were clothing, school supplies, and 2" binders. She reported that RISD has all lunches paid for.

Scholarship: Janice reported they met with all four schools to make sure the students knew about the LCN scholarships. She was planning to pick up the completed forms from each school on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mini Market/Good Samaritans: Pam Bowden reported that LCN volunteers worked at Good Sams this past Saturday. The next one will be the last Saturday in June.

CASA

Nominating/Hostesses

Veterans: Betty Davis reported that the Veterans Event will be July 6<sup>th</sup>. All planning is running smoothly. She will let us know when to volunteer.

Savor the Flavor/Chamber of Commerce: Jean Moize reported that the event will be on May 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Wildflower. Volunteers are needed (and husbands if possible) to set up at 9 AM that morning and break down after the event and to work the event itself. 13 restaurants have committed and possibly 4 more will commit before the event.

Sunshine

Mardi Gras: Denita Young and Mary Hall reported that \$25,000 profit was made. Next year's event will be March 1, 2025.

### **UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mary Hall announced that the Andrews Center has recently added an office in Emory. Andrews Center deals with kids having mental health issues and is a non-profit. Because of the expense of opening a new office, donations are welcome. Betty Davis moved that LCN donate \$1000. Jean Moize seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **PROGRAM**

Pam Bowden presented the program on the history of LCN. As part of the discussion after the presentation, new members and members that cannot attend the regular monthly lunch meetings (due to childcare or work) were asked how we could help them to participate and volunteer for committees. Denita suggested that we have an evening meeting once a quarter. The majority agreed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** The next meeting will be May 2 at Emory Baptist Church. The hostesses will be Velma Knowles, Suzan Sinclair, and Pam Dennehy.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 by a motion made by Mary Hall and seconded by Verline Herring.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Keenan, Secretary