

LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS

GENERAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Jean Moize gave the Invocation. The lunch was hosted by Margie Hooper and Judy Johnson and was catered by Fusion in the Woods.

The meeting was called to order by Janice Rouse, President, at 11:45 am. She welcomed new members and guests, Kathy Dwyer, Deanne Dickens and Joanna Kestler. 29 members were present. Janice reminded the members that when the reminder e-mail of an up-coming meeting is sent to members, that the members should respond ASAP. An accurate count for lunches is essential so that food is not over or under ordered. Janice then introduced the LCN Board and Executive Board.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes: The minutes had been emailed to the members. Pam Bowden moved they be accepted, and Velma Knowles seconded. The membership passed the motion.

Treasurer: Pam Bowden reviewed the budget for this year. She explained that quite a few of the sections in the current budget had been dropped and or combined with other sections to make the report more concise. Since LCN no longer does Purse Bingo, that money was moved to the General Fund for example. Pam then took questions from the members. Jean Moize moved that the membership accept the 2024 LCN Budget and Debby Keenan seconded it. The motion passed. Pam then reported that LCN currently has \$38,250 in the bank.

Membership: Jimmie Standridge reported no change,

Reports of Standing Committees

Scholarship: Janice reported that the application for high school students has been tweaked and will be delivered to schools next week.

Mardi Gras: Denita Young and Mary Hall reported that all the tables have been sold. Raintree will be catering. They are not charging a labor fee and the food is at cost, so they are really not making much money on doing this for LCN. The new Bubbles, Bourbon and Baubles will have different levels of donations. For the Carat and Cocktails, Texas Gold Connection gave LCN a great price on the diamond necklace that will be won by a patron. Denita reminded the members that setup will be March 1st beginning at 9:30 AM and cleanup will be Sunday, March 3 at 9:30 AM. She said they needed all hands on deck for this. There is still a need for volunteers at the event to take tickets and to sell raffle tickets (which will be at the same table). People are also needed to take money after the silent and live auctions. Quitman FFA will help load and unload the trailers on Friday.

Savor the Flavor: Jean is going to have a planning committee meeting for this event and will report more next month.

Sunshine: MJ Dougherty reported Judy Johnson is in the hospital with an upper respiratory problem.

Also, Barbara Mawby is at the Carriage House in Sulphur Springs.

No Old or New business was addressed.

The Program this month was Mardi Gras information.

The next meeting will be March 7 at the Emory Baptist Church at 11:30 AM hosted by MJ and Fawncyne.

Guest speaker will be Emily Northcut, Miss Rains County 2024.

Shirley Haskins moved, and Pam Bowden seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Keenan, Secretary