

# LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2024

Lunch was catered by Burgin's BBQ and served at 1130, followed by the meeting being called to order by president Janice Rouse at 1155. 30 members were present and new member, Pat Nail was introduced and welcomed. The invocation was given by Janice.

### BUSINESS MEETING:

#### Officers Reports

There were no June minutes to approve as secretary, Debbie Keenan had been hospitalized. They will instead be presented at the August meeting.

Treasurer: Pam reported that 11 of 20 scholarships have been paid out. The current total LCN account balance is \$52,134.13

Membership: Jimmie reported that there are currently 61 paid members

#### Standing Committee Reports

Schools: Karen reported that the BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR for Rains will be held on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 4-7pm in the HS gym. She needs volunteers to join her in passing out school supplies at the fair.

Scholarship: Janice introduced and thanked the scholarship committee for their time and efforts in awarding \$28,000.00 to 20 students from Rains, Yantis and Alba Golden school districts. Thank you notes from students were read aloud to the membership.

Mini Market/Good Samaritans: Pam B. reported that the Mini Market this year is confirmed for November 16<sup>th</sup> at the High School gym area. A girls 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball tournament will be in play which should benefit the event.

CASA: n/a

Nominating/Hostesses: n/a

Savor The Flavor: Jean had no additional information for STF but did report that we had a local family that was in need of some work on their AC, and a local company, COOL BREEZE, replace it at no charge.

Veterans: Betty reported that she was expecting about 225 guests to attend this year. The speaker would be Major Greg Hill, Retired. The event would be on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am and her and her team was ready to go. Set up would occur the 15<sup>th</sup> and take most of the day, all workers should be at the event on the 16<sup>th</sup> by 10am.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Janice presented that with help from Mary, Pam Bowden and Betty, the history of LCN has been documented. We know that it began as a part of the Rains Chamber of Commerce and in 1999, member Barara Forrest approached the Chamber about forming a hospitality committee within the Chamber, to welcome newcomers to the area. In 2000, this committee evolved into Lake Country Neighbors, a service organization of local

women that would serve the community and welcome newcomers to the area. In 2011 LCN became a 501 (C) (3) tax-free charitable service organization. LCN will celebrate their 25th anniversary in 2025, the board will meet and discuss potential plans for that event.

PROGRAM: Jean did a fun exercise with the members to teach us how to exercise our brains!

The next meeting will be August 1, 2024 at 1130am, at Emory Baptist Church. Hostesses will be Karen, Cheryl Shipp, and Jolene.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Pam B., second by Mary and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Rouse