

Minutes approved:



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
January 27, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.
ChapterHouse North

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order by President Gail Tangeman at 10:00 A.M.
- Flag Salute– led by Cathy Fresquez
- Ice Breaker – Sue Zajicek
- Permission to deviate from the agenda was approved by general consent.
- The November 18, 2021, minutes were read by proofreaders Ann Bach and Sue Goding and approved electronically.
- This month's minutes proofreaders will be Cathy Fresquez and Wanda Courey.
- Linda Combe introduced the January Hostess Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

- President Gail Tangeman introduced new member Laura Hernandez
- Gail also spoke about New Year's resolutions and how to contribute more to Assistance League. A couple of ways would be to work at the Thrift Shop at least once a month and to consider taking on some leadership roles and more responsibilities.

Board and Committee Reports

Treasurer Debbie Hensch

- Debbie went over the Statement of Activities. This report is as of December 31st – 7 months into the fiscal year. Things are looking well. In almost all areas we have come in at budget or below. The only area that expects to be over budget is additional operating expenses, especially for the CHS renovation – cleaning, utilities, etc.
- The budgeting process starts in December. The different philanthropic committees meet and discuss their plans and the funds they will need and others are putting together budgets for operating expenses including utilities, cleaning, landscaping, roof maintenance, HVAC, etc.
- The Financial Committee meets in late February/early March. Then the Board reviews it at the March meeting and it is voted on by membership at the April meeting so it is in place for June 1st.

Report on file

Vice President Membership – Kelly Bocanegra

- We have another new member (Laura Hernandez) which brings our total membership to 193.
- Val Eberle , our Volunteer Hours Recorder, reports that we had 1,952 hours reported for the month of December, with 68 members reporting. This total includes 206 Assisteens hours and 41 nonmember hours.
- Membership Committee members made phone calls to the new members to check in with them and to see how they were doing, if they had questions about volunteering, and to invite them to today's meeting.
- A Bunko/Thrift Shop fashion show, for members only, has been scheduled for April 21st.
- Special Activities Coordinator, Chita Johnson, has visited several venues looking for a place to hold our annual meeting on May 19th.
 - Factors considered in choosing a venue are: location, cost, and quality of food.
 - Costs have risen considerably since our last Annual Meeting in May, 2019.
 - The Annual Meeting is where we celebrate our accomplishments for the fiscal year, install a new Board of Directors, give out years of service awards and more.
 - Venue information is attached along with our recommendation. We bring this information to you to ask if members are willing to come to the Annual Meeting if the cost is \$45.
 - By a show of thumbs up the DoubleTree in Claremont will be our venue.

Report on file

Vice President Philanthropic Programs – Sue Friedrichsen

AL Bear – Chair Linda Combe reported:

- 2 boxes of bears (25 in each) have been delivered to San Antonio Regional Hospital.

FNB – Chair Laurie Milhiser will give her report

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OSB Basics – Chair Sue Smith reported:

- 173 students have received underwear and socks.

OSB Closet – Chair Sue Goding reported:

- She has purchased 30 pairs of women's jeans, 20 pkgs. of women's underwear, 10 pkgs. of men's underwear briefs, 8 pkgs. of men's socks for Eileen's HOPE Closet.

OSB Dressings – Chair Toni Mueller reported:

- We have dressed 1,179 students to date (including 8 emergency dressings).
- There will be 4 dressings the first two weeks of March. The dates are Tuesday the 1st, Thursday the 3rd, Tuesday the 8th and Thursday the 10th.
- During the March dressings, approximately 360 more students from all 8 of our districts will be served. Please contact Sue Zajicek to sign up to help.

Update on scarves and beanie project –

In case you didn't see it in the weekly update... I asked our contact at Chaffey Joint Union High School District if the students liked our gifts and she said that "they LOVED them". "Ours were the only handmade gifts they received and it made them feel extra special".

I would like to add my personal thank you to everyone who helped make this project a success...We DO make a difference!

Report on file

Fostering New Beginnings – Chair Laurie Milhiser

Fostering New Beginnings mission is to support young adults aging out of the foster care system. We do this with two partners: Aspiranet, the San Bernardino County contractor for foster care services, and Chaffey Community College's Next Up program which supports former foster children striving to get a college education.

We have worked with Aspiranet for many years and have a well-established program with them. They provide housing and support services for foster children aging out of the system at 18. We provide move-in items to supply their apartments. The young adults receive a bed in a bag with a comforter, sheets, and pillowcases, 2 pillows, a mattress pad, and a set of towels. They also receive a 15-piece set of pots and pans. In addition, we provide a laundry basket which

contains dishes, flatware, cutlery tray, plastic tumblers, knives, cutting board, kitchen towels, tongs, measuring spoons, measuring cup, can opener, plastic storage bowl and small containers, sponges, vegetable peeler, scissors, flashlight, and a first-aid kit. Assisteens provides a grooming kit and a bucket of cleaning supplies plus a mop and a broom. We spend approximately \$400 per move-in. Aspiranet appreciates our support because this frees up money for them to purchase higher quality furniture or additional items such as lamps for the apartments. Over the years we have also provided Christmas gifts for the young adults in the program. These have ranged from items purchased by our committee members from individual "wish lists" to Amazon gift cards. There are currently approximately 60 young adults in the Aspiranet programs. We provide 40-50 sets of move-in supplies each year.

Our partnership with Chaffey College is new this year and is still evolving. There are approximately 60 students in the Next Up program. For Christmas we gave each student a nice blanket, some hygiene supplies, and a pair of gloves which can be used with cell phones. They also received a Target gift card. The main thing the Chaffey students appreciate is the opportunity to shop in the Thrift Shop. Thank you to Karolyn Bragg, Chris Shovel, and her team for providing a \$100 private shopping experience for these students. Ask us about our stories from these events!

The FNB Committee is composed of members with a heart for foster children and an enthusiasm for shopping! Most members are assigned specific items to purchase, and we periodically have "packing parties" to put everything together. We are a hard-working group, but we have a little fun as well. Everyone is invited to attend our meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Report on file

Vice President Resource Development – Karolyn Bragg

Thrift Shop – Chris Shovel Chair:

- The month of December, 2021, the Thrift Shop has earned \$16,766 after taxes and before expenses. Year to date revenue is \$168,587 compared to \$121,112 last year. This is an increase of \$47,475 or 28% year to date.
- A deep cleaning took place in all departments during our closure in December. New mats were purchased for the front door and behind the cash registers.
- Break-in to our Thrift Shop happened on December 20 and our front door was broken and our safe was stolen. On December 29 our back gate locks were broken and an attempt was made to break-in to the Verizon work area on our property. Police reports were made and insurance claims have been filed.

Annual Fundraiser - Ina Strickland Chair:

- Year to date revenue before expenses is \$58,024
- Donations = \$21,891.98
- Sponsorships = \$18,000
- Online auction = \$17,591
- Preview = \$736
- Upon recommendation of the AF Executive Committee, the Board approved Ina Strickland as the 2021-2022 Annual Fundraiser Chair.

Direct Mail – Ann Bach Chair:

- Year to date revenue before expenses is \$11,406.
- The Board voted to approve the Spring Mailer to be a Thank You card again this year and that we wouldn't ask for donations.

Grants and Donations – Mary Brittain Chair:

- Year to date our grant total is \$8440.
- The month of December: Charities Aid Foundation - \$30 and \$2500 from the Edelstein Foundation.
- Unrestricted donations were received in the amount of \$400; \$300 from Supervisor Rutherford's fundraising event and \$100 in honor of Sue Tyra.
- Our grant writer has submitted a Community Block Grant with city of Montclair.
- This month we have received the following revenues from grant applications;
 - \$100,000 from San Bernardino County for OSB.
 - \$2500 from Stater Bros.
 - \$1300 from Upland Kiwanis to be used for Upland students to be clothed through OSB.

E-Waste – Patti Nonemaker Chair:

- An E-Waste Event was held in our parking lot on January 8. The revenue from this event was \$386.02. The Executive Committee will be discussing how soon to hold another event.

Vice President of Marketing – Ina Strickland

Daily Bulletin

- The E-Waste event was featured three times in the Friday Calendar of Events of the newspaper.
- The newspaper published the article on Scarves and Beanies on December 31, 2021. The photographs featured were in black and white in the printed copy but the electronic newspaper had them in color.

National

- The Assisteens and their WeCare Program were featured in the January 2022 AL Connection.

Website

- The new website is live and the username and password have been shared in the weekly Update. Members will use the same username and password to log into ourMembers area. Members still need to use their own unique email and password to log into the National website

Report on file

Chairperson General Services – Patti Nonemaker

No report

Liaison to Assisteens® - Sue Zajicek Coordinator

- Our WeCare committee met on Friday, January 14th to plan our activities for the spring.
 - We are hoping to have our Brunch/Bingo event with the residents of Coy Estes on Saturday, April 30th.
 - We are discussing other events but nothing is firm yet.
- On January 19th our two Banquet Chairs met with Wanda and Sue to begin discussing our annual banquet. It will be held on Monday, May 23rd at Upland Hills.
- Seven of our Assisteens helped with the E Waste event on January 8th.
- At our January auxiliary meeting we had a guest speaker, Dana Stenvick. She is the aunt of one of our teens. She is an attorney specializing in healthcare defense representing Kaiser. She also works with adoptions pro bono.
- We have purchased items for the grooming kits for the four additional OSB dressings in March. They should be delivered this week and the teens will meet to assemble.

Report on file

Chair of Strategic Planning – Mary Brittain

No report

Nominating Committee – Kelly Bocanegra

- The Slate of Nominees for our Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is complete.
- The Nominating Committee will be submitting a report announcing the slate of officers at the March 24, 2022, regular meeting, and membership will vote on the slate at the April 28 regular meeting.
- Thank you to all the members who turned in the Leadership Recommendation Form. We appreciated and used your input.
- Thank you to the Nominating Committee for working hard to provide the chapter with the best leaders to serve the chapter at this time. We feel we have chosen a leadership team who are willing to work together in a caring and positive manner and will continue to strengthen our chapter in the future. Our Nominating Committee members are:

Kelly Bocanegra
Ina Strickland
Harriet Rohrer
Sue Goding
Hilary Johnson
Karolyn Bragg

Report on file

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CALENDAR

- Next Regular Meeting: February 24, 2022 10:00 a.m. CHN

PRESENTATION – Ina Strickland “Give Life”

Ina Strickland, our Vice President Marketing Communications and Annual Fundraiser Chair, was our guest speaker. She shared her touching story of how she became an ambassador for the organization, Donate Life. This organization is dedicated to saving lives through organ, eye, and tissue donations. The presentation was very informative and moving. Ina also shared how the Donate Life Float in the Rose Bowl Parade was designed, created and the significance of the floral portraits.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

President Gail Tangeman

Secretary Debbie Gunderson

Minute Proofreaders:

Member Cathy Fresquez

Member Wanda Courey