

## SEDONAKIND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - MAY 18, 2018

\*Attending: Laurie Dawe, Jawn McKinley, Katie Hamilton, Mary Feeny, Gail Mann, Helen Knoll, Sally Plauche, Pam Hollenbach, Joy Sinnott, Lucy Paradise, Cyndi Heuer, Cher Baldwin, Janet Marshall, Heather Molans, Pat Priore

\*Laurie Dawe chaired our last meeting before breaking for the summer. She welcomed everyone, including new member Cyndi Heuer. Cyndi is new to Sedona and is already volunteering all over town. We're lucky she landed with us!

\*Laurie offered condolences to Pam Hollenbach and Carol Wallen, who both lost their Mothers recently. Pam said how much all our support and KINDNESS meant, and Jawn read a note from Carol, saying the same.

\*Kindness stories were offered by Helen, Laurie, Jawn, Heather and Janet. Laurie told how many thankful responses we received from recipients of our Operation Special Delivery container gardens. Everyone was so touched! What a success that project was. Time to start thinking about next year!!!!

\*Laurie gave a huge shout out, echoed by all there, to everyone who made Kindness Blooms such a huge success, especially Pam, Katie, Cliff, Gail Moore, everyone who donated fabulous items, and all who helped with set up and tear down.

\* Katie and Joy gave financial reports. Our profits from Kindness Blooms are around \$8,000, with 16 paintings left to sell. We started with 70! They are up on our web page at a 50% discount, so we are hopeful all will sell. Go shopping!!! Joy continued with our general finances, and we are so blessed to have around \$14,000 in the bank, with another \$1,400 to be deposited. With our emphasis on helping teachers this year, we're thrilled we'll have \$\$ to do meaningful projects.

\* Jawn and Pam and KIS members reported on giving the Teacher Gift bags, and how it made everyone's hearts sing. The teachers were overwhelmed. They were so grateful for the support, since we gave out

the bags the day before the walk out. And the children were so happy that their teachers were honored.

\*Lucy gave an update on our Kindness benches project. The 14 benches have been moved to where they will “spend the summer”. The amazing cost to us for the benches is \$40 per bench, plus materials, some of which are already being donated. They will be sold for \$500. We are still looking for a place to have for a week to make the benches next Sept. The place needs to have water available. They are looking into finding or renting an empty store, finding out where Giving Angels does their wrapping, talking to Marines Toys for Tots for suggestions. Joy stressed that people can buy benches in honor of a loved one, but they have to be placed in a public place where they can be enjoyed by the community. Lucy and Lenore will be making a sample bench, and will have a flyer available for us to show to prospective buyers/businesses by fall. They will also be presenting at the Sept. Sedona Women meeting about the benches. Yippee! Lucy also brought photos of a new idea for our Kindness Wall, and everyone was thrilled. Joy has been in touch again with Norther's AZ Health Care about a location for the Wall, and is cautiously optimistic! The benches will be hopefully all created and sold by the end of the year, and then we start on the Wall. Lucy also had the idea of possibly creating stepping stones for our next Operation Special Delivery. We loved the idea. This committee is dynamite- stay tuned!!!

\*Jawn reported on a request from the Library, International City of Peace and Rotary to join them to present a Community Kindness Conversation during Kindness Week. We've committed and think it will be a great way to wrap up Kindness Week. Katie reported that we were asked to be the February program at Sedona Women. Again we agreed happily, and plan to add information on the Psychology and Science of Kindness. (And maybe the puppets???)

\* Heather will ask for jewelry, yarn and small toiletries for our Blessing Bags on the Wish List this summer. We gave Heather a big hand for Writing the Wish List and Club News in RRNEWS. Yea Heather! Members were also reminded to collect Blessing Bag toiletries over the summer, emphasis on SMALL!

\* After 2 and ½ years, Gloria Woody has handed the reins of KIS to Pam Hollenbach and Gail Mann, and they are off to a fabulous start. Pam gave a report on their plans for the next school year. Each team will be staying in the same classroom for the whole year, getting to really know the kids and finding more ways to help the teachers. With all the changes at West Sedona, the committee is waiting to meet with the new Principal and teachers, but meanwhile creating their classroom projects and getting their Kindness Library books in place. KIS is committed to getting supplies so the teachers do not have to buy them, and there was a brainstorming session on many ways to accomplish that, including letting other organizations know what we're doing and possibly joining in. Teachers told Pam that they often spend between \$3-500 of their own money on supplies. Helen Knoll said it best "Helping our schools is the responsibility of our whole community." SedonaKind and KIS will try to model the way. Lucy will approach Sedona Women Community Service committee about joining in, and Pam may try and get a Guest Editorial in the newspaper talking about the needs and the EMPTY SUPPLY CLOSET at West Sedona! Many ideas were shared, enthusiasm and dedication to this goal was 100%. KIS also needs a few more members, since needs will be greater this year at West Sedona. Please contact Pam or Gail Mann if you're interested.

\*The meeting ended with members "shopping" for paintings, buying new floral Kindness Blooms greeting cards (gorgeous!), and taking charms home to spread this summer. Then we all joined hands and repeated our own Martha Mertz's lovely words "I can never be separate... I live in the consciousness of peace.... In my heart there is only love."

**SEE YOU ALL IN SEPTEMBER, AND WATCH FOR OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTERS!**