

SEDONA KIND MINUTES 2/15/2019

ATTENDEES: Existing Members: Sandy Brandvold, Katie Hamilton, Laurie Dawe, Marcia Conley, Connie Levinson, Joy Sinnott, Jawn McKinley, Ruthie Parsons, Mary Ellen Hadley, Patti Broad, Lucy Paradise, Lenore Hemingway, Mary Feeney, Gloria Woody, Kari Lee Hertzberg, Karen Scott, Lou Anne Scott, Janet Marshall, Kathy Huffstetler, Linda Brecher, Ruti Lovitt, Donald McClelland

1st Time Attendees: Judy Reichert, Felicia Filep

Sandy Brandvold called the meeting to order. Kindness stories were heard. Sandy reported that we now have a lady in the UK making Boxes of Love.

Joy Sinnott reported on the results of Connie Levinson's suggestion that SedonaKind raise funds for the furloughed U.S. Forest Employees. \$2600 has been raised, and there is a possibility of up to \$1600 more! Jawn McKinley reported that the Arizona Community Foundation is giving a grant to the Gift Cards fund drive. \$20 Gift Cards from Basha's have been purchased, and Basha's is contributing discounts. The Gift Cards will be offered to all USFS employees. Ruti Lovitt agreed to make the arrangements for the distribution at the USFS Visitor Center.

Jawn McKinley gave a synopsis of the SedonaKind Science of Kindness Program presented to the The Sedona Women at their Feb. 13 meeting. It was very well received.

Ruti Lovitt read the KIS report from Pam Hollenbach. KIS is collecting school supplies to replenish the schools' supply closets. A list of supply items needed is on the SK website, and donations may be dropped off at the ReMax Office by Safeway. The West Sedona School Counselor has made a list of volunteer opportunities. The KIS Gifting Committee is coordinating plans with the WSS PTA for Teacher Appreciation Week. We are hoping to read at some of the other local schools once this spring to see how it goes.

Sandy introduced Felicia Filep from the Humane Society of Sedona. We will discuss a possible partnership at the March meeting.

Sandy gave an update on the Scavenger Hunt. 12 Correct entries have been received. The time limit may be extended due to the weather. She will try to get more publicity of the amazing prizes including a beautiful mosaic heart made by Lenore Hemingway, Navajo Pottery, 4 tickets to Out of Africa, etc. SedonaKind will send out a notice when the Hunt is over and list the winners.

As a follow-up to our Planning Session in January, Sandy said we will discuss Heather Molans's suggestion that we do something for HERO (Humanitarian Efforts Reaching Out) in March. Homebound needs will also be discussed in March with Cheri Baldwin and Donald McClelland.

Jawn McKinley gave the Ambassadors Committee report. A third PEO group wants a program in April. Talks have been given to St. John Vianny, Car Club, Rotary, The Retired Teachers Assoc., and OLLI Lunch and Learn.

Jawn McKinley gave a synopsis of the first meeting of the Foster/Homeless Children Committee. Contrary to most Sedonans' awareness, an audit discovered 27 youth in the Sedona Unified School District classified as homeless or in foster care. It is important to let people know, i.e., community awareness. Deana DeWitt is in charge of filling needs not mandated by the Federal Government, and the Committee will invite her to attend the meeting at 12:30 Friday, March 15, to discuss these needs and how to best meet them. Jawn suggested that we ask our providers of hair cuts/styles, dental care, etc., to offer a gift certificate for their services free of charge to some of these youth. Deana said vouchers for things like Verde Lynx (can be purchased at the City of Sedona Finance Department), or new clothing at Big 5, Walmart or Bealls, grocery cards at Safeway, Bashas etc. would be helpful. These vouchers can be dropped off to her office in the School District Headquarters on Brewer Road. She suggested NOT to donate money to the School District, but for those who prefer to write a check, it was agreed that a check can be made out to SedonaKind with a notation that it is for the Foster/Homeless Children and sent to our Treasurer, Joy Sinnott, at SedonaKind, P.O. Box 3059, Sedona, AZ 86340.

Since there were no new suggestions for Operation Special Delivery, Sandy said Brenda Cosse has generously donated her studio for making up to 100 cards that will contain a metal heart token. Please email your suggestions for a target group and/or individuals you would like to see receive these cards to Sandy (sandybrandvold1@gmail.com). The cards will be made on March 29th, and the deliveries will be made the end of March or beginning of April.

Lou Anne Scott and Jawn McKinley were contacted by Janeen Trevillyan regarding the Sedona Historical Society's acquisition of the Schuerman homestead house. Help is needed in March to pack up the contents prior to the restoration. Masks and latex gloves will be provided. A sign-up sheet was sent around.

Joy said it is time to put together a new batch of the SedonaKind cards we sell. She needs help scoring, folding, packaging with an envelope and sealing. Please contact Joy if interested (joybird5150@gmail.com).

Our amazingly generous and creative Lenore Hemingway and Lucy Paradise presented their idea to make 50-100 mosaic Heart Garden Stones in October as a fund raiser. Their samples were stunning! It would require 10-12 volunteers for 2-5 days. Each heart will have "kindness" phrases. It got a resounding YES!

Sandy described our after-the-meeting projects for the day — making lollipop flowers for Meals on Wheels and Homebound, and Heart posters with tag sayings. The meeting was adjourned.