

SedonaKind General Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2022 - 10:00am – Sedona Library

Chaired by Jawn McKinley

Meeting called to order at 10:00am

22 members present

Jawn enthusiastically welcomed everyone to our “planning meeting” and introduced our ad which is appearing in the SIFF Program.

Kindness stories – shared by Sandy, Cheryl & Lou Ann.

Committee Chairs - Jawn gave a lovely “shout-out” to our committee chairs: Pam (KIS), Heather (Wish List, RRNews, Blessing Bags), Marge & Geri (lapghans), Carol & Linda (rock painting), Laurie (Charming) and special thanks went to Lin (Dress-A-Girl) and Mary Ellen (hats & scarves).

Treasurer’s report – Joy – we’ve faired very well through the epidemic and were even able to decline participating in grants in favor of allowing other groups with greater needs to apply. We have approximately \$22K in our account.

December/January Activities

Pam (KIS):

“Hug” blankets from Penzey’s were given to the staff at both West Sedona School (WSS) and Oak Creek School (OCS) for the holidays and they were very much appreciated. A wonderful heartfelt thank you letter from OCS was read to the group.

A Valentine bag of goodies was given to the staff at WSS and OCS.

The Kindness Corner in the Children’s Library is up and will be kept up through May with a different theme each month. This includes a tree for hanging “my recent act of kindness” notes, a kindness book of the month and 50 “take-away” craft bags. Various KIS committee members have been assigned to each month.

Donations:

SK has donated \$100 to support ACF’s A Roof for All program.

SK has committed \$650 to support shelter needs for homeless kids on extremely cold nights.

SK donated hats and scarves to Tewa before the holiday to help fulfil their wish list of items needed.

Holiday thank-you cards & gifts:

Holiday thank-you cards were delivered to Twice Nice, Alma de Sedona, SIFF, Remax & the library for all their support.

Holiday thank you gifts were given to all of the pharmacies in Sedona for all their caring patience over the last few years. They were so very appreciative.

A Valentine gift of goodies was delivered to both the Red Rock News and to Remax.

Bombas Socks:

Bombas socks sent a notification to Joy that they are sending 2700 socks to us for our 2021 request. We will also be submitting a request for 2022. These will be distributed to organizations such as the Mission in Cottonwood, OCS, Food Bank, Sanctuary, Hope House, etc.

Continuing Projects for 2022

KIS – Pam:

WSS's after-school program can use some help. Lou Ann Scott is coordinating an effort to have some of our volunteers read to, and work with, the children that are participating in this program.

The Grouchy Ladybug and ladybug release will be on April 6th at WSS and April 8th at OCS for the Kindergarten and 1st grades.

Pam is retiring as Chair of KIS after 5 wonderful years and we need a new Chairperson. *

Note: Post meeting, Karen Bare volunteered for the position. We are so grateful to Karen and look forward to working with her.

Charming:

While January and February meetings were cancelled we are looking forward to seeing everyone in March. Meetings are held at 11am on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Alma de Sedona and all are welcome.

Gratitude Trees - Christine:

The Gratitude trees this past November/December were a huge success and we look forward to having even more locations this year.

We welcome, with many thanks, Mary Ellen Hadley as Co-Chair with Christine for this committee and Marlyn Savage for volunteering to be a committee member.

Blessing Bags:

Heather will be coordinating the Veteran Blessing Bags again this year and we would like to thank Geri for the recent donation of deodorants to be included in the bags.

Knitting – Katie:

Huge thank you to all the knitters for the nearly 1000 hats made for the school children this past year and to Marilyn for organizing the collection and distribution to the schools in November.

Marge and Geri shared some beautiful lapghans that were made for this year's distribution. 45 lapghans (11 to critical care veterans) were given out last year and they are hoping to do the same this year. Anyone interested in helping can contact them and/or make 6" x 9" blocks.

Kindness Week:

We are considering a number of movies for this year's Kindness Week fundraiser and will keep everyone posted as details are buttoned down.

Veteran's Breakfast:

We are currently scheduled to hold a Veteran's Breakfast on May 13th at the library, either in the meeting room or in the courtyard that is currently under construction. We need a Chairperson for this event – please contact us if you can help out and/or Chair.

Dress-A-Girl:

We are very pleased to be continuing our partnership with Dress-A-Girl. Lin Ennis has dress kits if anyone is available to help.

Operation Special Delivery – Sandy:

Over this coming year we will be honoring many groups for their extra efforts during this pandemic. Kind Bars has donated 200 bars which will be used for the first 4 groups – Postal Workers, Library staff & volunteers, Green Bag volunteers and Meals-on-Wheels volunteers. The Kind Bars folks love the idea and may be sending more bars in the future. A sign-up sheet for anyone interested in helping put the gifts together was passed around. Sandy will contact everyone when a date/time/place has been set.

2022 Proposed Projects

Homeless Pets Blessing Bags – Linda Brecher:

For the homeless, their pets are most important to them and we are creating Blessing Bags of items to help them out. Linda has been working on obtaining donated items and passed around a list of additional items that are needed. There are also posters to be distributed. Several volunteers are scheduled to be with her at the Food Bank on March 23rd and 30th for the distribution. Several bags will also be given to Angie's House to distribute as needed. If you have any items to donate and can help in any other way, please contact Linda via email at linderjo@npgcable.com

Cottonwood Village and Sedona Winds program - Joy

We need a Chairperson for a program that will involve Cottonwood Village and Sedona Winds and include such things as 100th birthday celebrations, cards for Veterans who reside there and possibly participating in their Tree of Dreams program. If anyone is interested in Chairing or participating in developing this program please let us know.

Garden Wands Fundraiser – Joy

Joy displayed some wonderful garden wands which will be one of our fundraisers this year. We plan to put these together immediately following the April meeting, but will have some finished wands for anyone that may want to purchase them for Mother's Day. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March meeting for anyone interested in helping with this project. The smaller version will be sold for \$15 and the larger for \$20.

Hope House Welcome Basket – Jawn:

Hope House will be opening in mid-March and we have committed to preparing up to 12 welcome baskets. Initially there will be 3 families and the baskets (in the form of portable shower

caddies) will include items for adults and children. Carol Wallen will Chair and Sandy, Jawn, Julie, Patti & Marlyn volunteered to be on the committee.

Heartfelt Connections – Christine

Heartfelt Connections offers a way for SK to extend a warm kind thought to a SedonaKind member who needs support. Meri Thomason will Chair this committee. If you know a member who could benefit from a thoughtful card, fill out the form on our website and a card will be sent.

Miscellaneous Items

Column writers – We have volunteers for the April & May columns, and would love to have someone write the March column. If interested, please contact Jawn.

SedonaKind benches – Huge thank you to Lenore Hemingway who did a wonderful job fixing the benches that were damaged due to weather.

Sedona Sister City – SedonaKind endorsed the idea of a sister city to the City Council.

School Supplies – a meeting is scheduled in March with Sedona Women, Manzanita, SedonaKind and Remax to coordinate and maximize everyone's efforts for this program.

Member Skills Form – we will be sending a link to this form for our members to fill out to allow us to better reach out when a project/fundraiser/program is proposed.

Jawn ended the meeting with a wonderful quote and a sweet elephant/dog friendship video.

“May your eyes see clearly so you can see those who need your help,
May your arms be strong so you can hold tightly those you love,
May your heart beat always with hope for the future and
May your spirit sprinkle joy everywhere!”

Constance Loef