

SedonaKind General Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2022 - 10:00am – Sedona Library
Chaired by Katie Hamilton

Meeting called to order at 10:10am
15 members present

Welcome - Katie welcomed everyone and had Gail Basham (new member) introduce herself.

Kindness stories – shared by Lin, & Sandy.

Committee Reports:

Garden Wand Fundraiser – Christine

There were wands on display and Christine asked that anyone interested in helping to make the wands, fill out the Work Session Sign-up sheet. This work session is scheduled for April 15th at the library, immediately following our April General Meeting. There was also a sign-up sheet for anyone that would like to purchase a completed wand at the April meeting. The 11”-12” wands will be sold for \$15 and the 15”-16” for \$20.

Charming - Laurie

The March Charming session was a huge success, everyone was very happy to be able to get together. The next session will be on April 12th at 11am at Alma de Sedona and all are welcome.

Katie mentioned the Newsletter column about Charming and Christine briefly summarized it and encouraged anyone that hadn't already read it to do so, to get a better understanding about what Charming is all about.

Dress-A-Girl – Lin & Gail

Lin introduced Gail Basham, who spoke about her Guatemala trip. She brought 184 dresses to Guatemala in sizes ranging from 6 months to 10/12 years. Half of the dresses went to an organization that works with girls in severe poverty and the rest went to an organization that works with coffee plantation workers. All recipients were very excited to receive such a wonderful gift.

Veteran's Breakfast - Katie

We are currently scheduled to hold a Veteran's Breakfast on May 13th at the library in the Si Birch meeting room. Katie asked if anyone was willing to be the Chairperson for this event and Laurie briefly described what was involved in doing so. While no one came forward during the meeting, after the meeting Linda Brecher let Katie know that she would be the chair. A Board member will be assigned to liaison with her.

Bombas Socks - Katie

2700 Bombas socks were received and will be donated to such organizations as Tewa, Manzanita Outreach, Food Bank, Old Town Mission, Sanctuary, Hope House and will also be included in our Veteran Blessing Bags. Thank you to Joy for all her efforts in organizing this project.

KIS – Karen & Lou Ann

Karen Bare will be taking over the Chair position for the KIS program. She has 37 years of public-school experience including positions as teacher, Assistant Principal and Principle. Public schools are near and dear to her heart and she is looking forward to working with the KIS Committee.

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

The children's Kindness Corner at the library will continue to provide inspiration and take-away crafts for the kids through May.

Lou Ann spoke about the after-school program at WSS where several volunteers have been reading kindness stories to the children and may be expanding their involvement in the future as needs arise.

Knitting – Katie:

We have yarn for anyone that is working on hats or lapghans. Contact Katie if you need some.

'Every Dog Matters' Blessing Bags – Linda

Linda Brecher displayed some of the items that will be available for any pet in need, at the Food Bank this Wednesday, March 23rd and again on Wednesday, March 30th if there are still items available. Several of the 48 bags will also be given to Angie's House to distribute as needed. Along with a variety of health & well-being products, there are certificates for free microchipping, licensing through the Humane Society and ID/nametags. Partners to this project, along with SedonaKind, are the Humane Society of Sedona, Verde Valley Humane Society, Nylabone, PetSmart, ACE Hardware, the Sedona Food Bank and Angie's House. Thanks to Linda, Lynda and Felicia for all their work on this project.

Hope House Welcome Basket – Sandy:

Sandy had a sample of the Hope House Welcome Baskets that were put together this past week and will be turned over to Hope House in time for their first arrivals. Thank you to Carol and her committee for all the work they put into this project.

Katie thanked those that brought other donations for Hope House to the meeting. Karen Bare asked if we could be kept apprised of other needs they might have and Katie said she would request they let us know and we will then share the information.

Heartfelt Connections – Meri

Meri spoke about the Heartfelt Connections program which offers a way for SK to extend a warm kind thought to a SedonaKind member who may need a little support. The program got off to a great start with three requests so far. Thank you to Meri for so enthusiastically taking on this project.

Kindness Quote – Meri Thomason

Meri shared a lovely quote by Connie Foster, "Every time we hold our tongues instead of returning the sharp retort, show patience with another's faults, show a little more love and kindness, we are helping to stock-pile more of these peace-bringing qualities in the world instead of armaments for war."

Katie adjourned the meeting at 11:05am

Post Meeting: Unsung Hero gifts were presented to Judy Poe and Vivian Krauss and pictures were taken by Cliff.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Christine Schneider, Secretary