

SEDONA KIND MINUTES

November 15, 2019

ATTENDEES: Cheri Baldwin, Linda Brecher, Janet Marshall, Sandy Brandvold, Gail Mann, Heather Molans, Joy Sinnott, Connie Levinson, Pam Hollenbach, Meri Thomason, Kim Girard, Kari Lee Hertzberg, Susie Fairchild, Jawn McKinley, Gloria Woody, Melissa Brammer, Gerri Crelot, Laurie Dawe, Katie Hamilton, Marcia Conley, Kathy Huffstetler, Felicia Filep, Ruti Lovitt

NEW MEMBERS: Barbara Cimino, Judy Curnow, Lou Ann Bruck, Bonnie Bussard, Darilyn Moy

GUEST: Astaro Fisher, Red Rock News

Prior to the meeting, the phenomenal knitters and the members of Sedona Kind gathered around mounds of 800 fabulous hand-knit hats for a photo shoot.

The meeting was called to order by Laurie Dawe. She then introduced our new members and asked for Kindness Stories. Several beautiful stories were told.

Laurie reported that the Veteran's breakfast was a complete success! Approximately 70 veterans attended. She expressed her gratitude to her co-chairs, Cheri and Mary Ellen, to Christine for the banner and table decorations, to Carol, Gloria, Linda, Christine, Heather, Connie, Lucy and Mary Ellen for cooking, to John Neville for photographs, to Jawn for Veteran's charms, tablecloths, brochures and singing the National Anthem (on key!), to Sandy for trays, and to Joy and Cheri for beautiful cards.

Joy announced that the showing of the Sedona Kind fund raising movie, First Grader, brought in \$805 in ticket sales and approximately \$1000 in donations, all of which will be matched by a most generous anonymous donor. The proceeds will go to the Sedona Oak Creek Education Foundation.

Jawn passed around several pages of wonderful students' thoughts about the importance of learning to read. Thank you notes were sent to the teachers and students who participated.

Cheri has assumed the responsibility for the Gratitude Trees, started by Carol Wallen, who was inspired by her experience at Rainbow Acres two years ago. The trees are manzanita branches, and hand painted heart shaped ornaments are available so people can write something for which they are thankful and hang the ornament on the tree. Trees will be located at 10 sites throughout the holiday season: the Sedona Library, the children's room at the library, Oak Creek Country Club, West Sedona School, Oak Creek School, Haven, Sedona Winds in both assisted and independent living areas, the Sedona Community Center and Alma de Sedona. Laurie expressed appreciation to Cheri with a thank-you gift.

The few remaining Heart Stones, left from the 100 generously designed by Lucy Paradise and Lenore Hemingway, were displayed on the tables. They are \$75 each and are a fundraiser for SedonaKind. Proceeds go into the general fund for the many projects of SedonaKind. The remaining stones will be sold at the Village Gallery of Local Artists in VOC. Laurie expressed gratitude to Lenore, Lucy, Gandolfos Studio and the many members that helped to make them.

Laurie reminded us that there is NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. Our next meeting will be January 17, 2020, and it is a very important planning meeting! Please give this serious thought and come with ideas for projects for 2020.

Laurie presented beautifully wrapped gifts in appreciation to Pam for chairing the KIS Committee, Heather for managing the Wish List, Ruti for taking the minutes, Lori for donating a lovely space for Charming at Alma de Sedona, and Gloria for accomplishing Operation School Bell.

Pam Hollenbach gave an update on the Kindness in Schools Committee. The program for reading at Oak Creek School (the second Friday of every month) is in place. The first reading was November 8. They expressed their appreciation to have this program. She passed around thank you notes from the Sedona Charter School students and teachers for school supplies.

Volunteers are needed to help distribute the 800 hats. Pam passed around a sign-up sheet for distributions to West Sedona School on December 6 and Oak Creek School on November 22.

Pam said used and new winter coats are needed and can be dropped off at West Sedona School. Last year Yavapai County in Prescott collected coats for schools, but no coats came to Sedona this year. Pam will be in touch with them next year to be sure some come to Sedona.

Laurie announced a need for a photographer for Sedona Kind, and new member Barbara Cimino stepped right up and volunteered.

Another ongoing need is for the Monthly Newsletter Kindness Essays. Janet Marshall volunteered to write the January essay and Linda Brecher volunteered to write the February essay. Please contact Jawn to volunteer for the remaining months.

Jawn and Joy presented a program on kindness to a 9th grade class.

Jawn gave an update from Deana de Witt. There are approximately 27-30 homeless or foster youth in Sedona. Deana was given a "supply room" that needs an 8x10 rug, a small round table with a couple chairs or a small love seat and a full length mirror. New member, Bonnie Bussard, donated a new 3-way mirror. Jawn asked her to please bring

it to the January meeting. If you have any of the other items requested, please contact Jawn or Joy. Sandy requested a photo of the room.

Astara Fisher was thanked for caringly printing and sometimes headlining the SedonaKind Wish Lists in the Red Rock News. She makes it possible for SedonaKind to get our needs and message out to greater Sedona.

Sandy gave a pop quiz: How do you find the membership roster on the website and what is the password? The password is sk2015.

In closing, Cheri was asked to share a Gratitude Saying for the day: "Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

The meeting was adjourned and members were asked to assist in assorting the mounds of hats for distribution.