

SEDONAKIND MINUTES

February 21, 2020

ATTENDEES: Sandy Brandvold, Jawn McKinley, Joy Sinnott, Laurie Dawe, Gail Moore, Cheri Baldwin, Lucy Paradise, Lou Anne Scott, Linda Brecher, Katie Hamilton, Janet Marshall, Judy Neiman, Lou Ann Bruck, Carol Wallen, Melissa Brammer, Lisa Price, Christine Schneider, Ruti Lovitt, Marge Schwartz, Gerri Crelot, Georgia Ritter

GUESTS: Tamara Osborn, Cynthia Sansone, Paula K. Potter, Mary Beth Rose, Sharon D. Drake, Deb Franson, Julie Lilly

The meeting was called to order in our new location at the Sedona Public Library by Jawn McKinley. Jawn welcomed our guests and asked them to introduce themselves. Several are members of Verde Valley Girlfriends.

Several touching kindness stories were told.

We were informed that the American Legion has canes for free.

Jawn read thank you notes from Oak Creek School and West Sedona School for their hats. One member "shadowed" the Kindness Ladies and noticed how kind the students were to each other confirming that KIS is working.

Jawn described the teacher's picnic at the Heritage Museum and thanked Lou Anne Scott and others for putting it on. The teachers sent a nice note of gratitude.

A thank you note was also received from the Garden Club for Kindness Charms. Laurie gave a synopsis of the evolution of Charming from her home 9 years ago to getting so big it had to be moved to Alma de Sedona, graciously hosted by Lori Reinhold, on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 11:00 - 1:00. Approximately 000 charms have been placed in 65 countries and every state. Stories from people who have found them are on the website. A beautiful new style of charms was passed around.

We watched a fabulous slide show of our SedonaKind activities created by Gail Moore.

Jawn gave the KIS report on behalf of Pam Hollenbach. All standard school supplies are running low. Supplies may be dropped off at ReMax by Safeway. Susie Fairchild graciously coordinates this for SedonaKind.

Heather continues to place our Wish List in the Red Rock News. Thank you so much, Heather.

Sandy (301-4800) keeps the roster for our General Membership; Katie (203-4854) for the knitting group; and Laurie (602-300-6481) for Charming. Please let the appropriate person know if you want to be on her email list, or if your information changes.

Please make sure you let Sandy know if your email or other contact information changes.

Karen Dansby gave a party for the amazing hat and scarf knitters in her home. It was a fabulous event with great food. Sandy showed a tool, given to all knitters, like a baby loom that makes a "ring" around the base of the hats plus flowers and "noodles".

Marge has a knitting "machine" that knits very fast. She showed us examples of some she has made for teachers/staff. WHOOPPEE! Between her and Mary Ellen, we should meet our quota of 100+ scarves. Lou Ann suggested checking out the "towels" to wear around your neck while cooking at the Kitchen Shop in Tlaquepaque North.

Jawn commended J. C. Penney for their generous accommodation and assistance in purchasing new clothing for the "These Are Our Kids" project. There are currently 31 students either homeless or in foster care in our area.

Gail updated us that the furnishing of an old supply closet at the high school into a dressing room with a 3-way mirror, area rug, table and chairs and screen is complete due to generous donations. New or nearly new clothing for girls can be dropped off at the office at the High School.

A review of *Operation Special Delivery* included 200 handmade cards and a pottery heart in 2016; handmade Boxes of Love in 2017; Container Gardens coordinated and donated by Kim Corey in 2018; handmade cards and a kindness token in 2019. At Marcia Conley's suggestion in our January meeting, Tea Parties will be offered this year. Marcia and Felicia Filep are co-chairs. Please sign up if you want to be involved. Details such as logistics and who to gift are being developed. Information is not yet on the website, but it will be.

Sandy arranged the first Tea Party for Marilyn and Hazel, who live at Sedona Winds. The second Tea Party was for our own Carol Wallen. Marcia was the server, and she splendidly tended to every detail including beautiful handmade table decorations made by Christine.

Christine and Cheri have brought Boxes of Love to a whole new level and they can be purchased to let people know how much you care.

Tamara Osborn spoke on behalf of Lin Ennis about the *Dress a Girl* project, which sends dresses to girls around the world. The goal is to reduce human trafficking. To date as part of the SedonaKind project, 17 packets have been made, 8 have been given out, and 10 volunteers have agreed to sew. There are many opportunities for

contributing on a less skilled level. For more information look at the SedonaKind website — Community Projects page — *Dress a Girl* link.

You can also email Lin at dagsedona@gmail.com, or check the website at dressagirlaroundtheworld.com. Their next meeting will be March 10 from 10:00 - 1:00. Check the Newsletter for the location.

Lou Ann Bruck and her husband produced a film about *Dress a Girl* that was shown at the meeting. They have offered to help promote SedonaKind by filming Charming, KIS, and the Knitters.

Sandy asked for a show of hands of those who like to make pies. She then gifted them with special occasion pie “toppers”.

Jawn honored Lucy for her indelible willingness to take on projects for SedonaKind.

Lisa Price has agreed to coordinate making wind chimes as a fund raiser for SedonaKind. Lucy donated beautiful beveled crystals and beads. Heather has beads and agate to donate as well. Lucy offered to arrange assembly at Gandolfo Studio. Lisa needs manzanita branches which she will prepare. We estimated producing 100 to be sold in October and November.

People were asked to sign up for Kindness Stories for the Newsletter. March will be a guest writer. Linda volunteered for April and Heather volunteered for May.

Jawn drew our attention to all of the merchandise for sale on the table by the door.

In closing, Sandy told us about Mash Notes, a tradition started in England in 1890 whereby spontaneous notes were written to express heartfelt gratitude and sentiment for another person. Laurie shared a “Mash Note” written to her by her father during World War II on her first birthday.

Each of us was given the beautiful SedonaKind card covered with hearts to write a Mash Note to someone dear to us.

