

## **Solon Civic Club – November General Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** November 12, 2024 – 7:00 pm

**Location:** Solon Senior Center

**WELCOME** – Nicole welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. With a mix of both old and new faces this evening, please feel free to stop the meeting with questions at any time. There will be a lot of information shared tonight.

**LUNCH WITH SANTA** – Nicole – This is our biggest SCC event of the year. This year's Lunch with Santa will be held at Orchard, due to a conflict with a school event at SMS. We have already toured the building to see the spaces available and spoke to the custodial team. Nicole will provide a layout to assist with set up. A sign up is going around. For Friday's set up, we will be unable to access the gym – the activities assigned to the gym are games, Dreidel Den, and face painting, which will need set-up on Saturday morning. All other areas can be decorated and organized on Friday 6 – 8 pm. Saturday's schedule is sensory hour 10 – 11 am, regular ticket holders can enter at 11. The event ends at 2 after the magic show is over. Thank you to those who brought candy or craft donations for LWS tonight. We needed to purchase liability insurance this year to provide coverage for events like this, so we consulted with a friend who is a local insurance professional to review the policy to ensure that it would meet our needs.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE** – Kathie Stull – The Thanksgiving donations were dropped off on Monday at the schools. They were very appreciative. The Adopt a Family collection is continuing. Many families are struggling. If needed, counselors will divide the donations among families. Last year SBF was able to help us out to meet the needs of 12 families. They will match our funds this year up to \$3,000. If each member gave \$50 we would meet our goal. The preferred donations are the multiuse cards from Giant Eagle because those allow the families to purchase the cards they prefer, Walmart, Dick's, Marshalls, and Venmo (please specify that the funds are for Adopt a Family). Please send your donations in soon – ideally within the next week and a half. We know there are a lot of requests, but the need is so great this year. A sign up is coming around. We will send out a recap email later on. Donations can be made via Venmo, by check, or by dropping donations of gift cards off at Kathie's house.

**FUNDRAISING** – Michelle Williams – The order for the SCC swag will be going in next week. You can hand your order in tonight. Thank you for the donations of wine and wine bags for February's Wine Raffle. We will be soliciting local businesses for donations also. We will also be holding a designer purse raffle later on this year.

**SOCIAL** – Sheryl Cohen – Tera and Sheryl will host and run a social event to make Gift Jars on Tuesday Nov. 19 at the Solon Senior Center. The cost is \$20 to cover the materials, payable to Sheryl (cash or check) or Tera (Venmo). A sign up was circulated. Coffee Meet-Ups are the first Friday of each month at 9 am at smaller businesses in our area. December 6 – Buckeye Chocolate Café in Bainbridge. There is no social activity in December due to so many other events.

**SUNSHINE** – Contact Jody Halley if you have any information to share about a member that could use some celebrations, well wishes, or sympathies.

**HOLIDAY DINNER** – The Holiday Dinner is being planned by Joetta Humphrey, Sandy Pannetti, and Anita Rhea for December 10 at D'Angelo's Italian Ristorante in Twinsburg. The cost is \$40 with a cash bar. Bring a \$20 gift to exchange. Membership must be current to attend.

**TREASURER** – Kim Cullers – The budget for this year will be voted on tonight. Please turn in any receipts for reimbursement. Dues are still being accepted for membership – membership dues can be paid via cash, check, Venmo or Paypal.

SECRETARY – Denise Maiorana – Please contact Denise if you want to change your email address for the newsletter or have any trouble receiving the newsletter so we can try to figure out the problem. Please review minutes before the meeting each month because we will vote to approve them at the end of each meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - Vote to approve minutes from the October meeting. Amy Rothenfeld motioned to approve the minutes as posted online. Kathie Stull seconded the motion A vote was taken, and the minutes were approved.

Vote to approve the SCC budget for the 2024-25 year. The amount for fundraising should be \$400, not \$650. Sandy Pannetti motioned to approve the budget as presented. Joetta Humphrey seconded the motion A vote was taken, and the budget was approved.

VICE PRESIDENT – Jackie Chapnick – Jackie thanked those who brought refreshments tonight. There is no meeting in December. The next meeting is January 14 and the speaker will be a dermatologist. This was a suggestion from a member. Thank you for the donations of hats and gloves for Walls of Love. Jackie introduced Holly, our speaker, who is from Walls of Love, an organization that provides items for communities in need. Holly spoke about her experience as a victim of domestic and sexual abuse, which inspired her to find ways to help those in similar situations and she eventually founded Walls of Love, which has just celebrated its 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is currently in 34 states. Walls of Love sets up donations in public places and encourages people to “take what you need. Leave the rest for others. Pay it forward when you can.” Holly generously gave a donation to SCC for our Adopt a Family collection.