

SedonaKind general meeting April 21, 2017 Adult Community Center

Attendees: Laurie Dawe, Linda Brecher, Donna Neucomb, Linda Nicholas, Ruti Lovitt, Ruthie Parsons, Kari Lee Hertzberg, Heather Molans, Jawn McKinley, Mary Feeney, Pam Hollenbach, Gail Mann, Sandy Brandvold, Gloria Woody, Kim Corey, Katie Hamilton, Connie Levinson, Joy Sinnott

Joy opened the meeting by thanking Ruti for paying for the meeting room (\$40). Linda Nicholas offered to pay for the May meeting (last meeting before summer break)

There were many stories of acts of kindness by Laurie, Heather, Jawnie, Kari Lee, Linda Nicholas, Connie and Joy. It was great that so many people spoke up!

Patricia Wheat has offered to sell our kindness note cards at her studio. She expects no commission on this and is thrilled to help out. Heather Molans will be taking over the Sedona Wish List – along with her notifications of our meetings in the Red Rock News.

It was decided to table discussion of logistics for Operation special delivery until a later meeting as that won't take place until April of 2018. Kudos to Kim for her Random Acts of Gardening. We were encouraged to collect containers – 12" plastic preferred with holes – which will be mostly used outdoors – although it was discussed that some smaller containers can be used for herbs and succulents. To be assembled in April of 2018.

There will be no dues for membership this year – but donations are always welcome. There will be grants possible through the Community Foundation. We asked for \$2000 and will know in June. Also Christ Lutheran may come through again. Plus we get income from the cards and donations through PayPal, checks, cash, etc.

The website looks wonderful and all were encouraged to look at it. Thanks to Gail.

There was not any feedback on additional member involvement.

Blessing bags – long discussion of pros and cons but determined we should collect stuff – especially socks, gloves, hats, mouthwash, toothbrushes and paste, band aids, combs. Underwear tough but could be bought in bulk and given to Homeless Alliance to distribute. Laurie Moore to give us a list of essentials needed. Bags to be assembled in October. Possibly she can be asked to attend a meeting and talk in more depth.

Any Kudos recipients should be sent through Lucy on our website – one potential Kudos accolade could go to the ranchers at Rainbow Acres for their work at Bashas and Recycles.

Jawn reported on the great response from hospice to the Easter baskets which were delivered.

Pam and Gloria need volunteers to help at the May 5th Summer Activity Fair from 2:30-6 at West Sedona School. This includes set up and clean up. They also would appreciate money for scholarships for kids to go to summer camp. The food vendors will be promoting this. There is a homeless family with 3 kids that would be a good possibility for the scholarships. This will be readdressed at the May general meeting May 12th as they will have more information by then. The committee also needs children's books.

Pam has been in touch with Brock Tully regarding the possibility of him doing our Educational Outreach. (anti-bullying, gangs, etc.) Maybe a small event this year and a larger event involving the entire community in the future. Discussion ongoing as many details to be worked out. So

far we have the retired teachers lined up for November, also OLLI in the fall and PEO for May of 2018.

Kindness week – Carol and Stephanie working on gratitude trees, we are working on movie for November 13, Illuminate film festival may have something (Ruthie checking it out). Wendy the Weaver wants peace pole at Mtn. View Elementary for September peace week – will help if we can but not monetarily.

Gail Moore will be designing trifold handouts and would appreciate graphic artist to work with her on the design. Heather will contact her as she has commercial experience but not much computer know how (I beg to differ!)

Long term – a wall of kindness. Lucy would be great contact on this not only for her considerable talent but also her many artist contacts in the community.

The meeting was ended with Sandy selling little boxes entitled “Pay it forward” filled with bands, coupons, etc. Of course they all sold. This ended the meeting on a happy note.