

SEDONA KIND MINUTES 4/19/2019

ATTENDEES: Cheri Baldwin, Janet Marshall, Jawn McKinley, Gloria Woody, Ruti Lovitt, Sandy Brandvold, Karen Scott, Elinor Friedman, Gail Moore, Sally Plauche, Mary Feeney, Lou Anne Scott, Linda Brecher, Katie Hamilton, Pam Hollenbach, Paul Hollenbach, Donald McClelland, Kari Lee Hertzberg, Joy Sinnott, Laurie Dawe, Felicia Filep, Helen Knoll, Kathy Huffstetler, Ruthie Parsons, Gail Mann

FIRST TIME ATTENDEE: Marsee Skidmore

GUEST: Naomi Krant (Joy Sinnott)

The meeting was called to order by Jawn McKinley. Jawn asked 1st time attendees, new members and guests to introduce themselves, and she gave them a warm welcome.

Jawn asked for Kindness Stories and several were given. Pam passed around a touching photo from Elizabeth Tavasci, a teacher at West Sedona School, of two of her students pretending to be the "Kindness Ladies".

Mary Feeney told us about decals that can be attached to your car about kindness. Linda Brecher mentioned a particular kindness T-Shirt and it was acknowledged that there are many out there and it would be fun if we all had one.

Jawn asked for sign-ups for kindness essays for the newsletter for July through September. Felicia Filip signed up for July. Sally Plauche is a maybe for August or September. It was suggested we ask KIS members to sign up.

We took a shopping break for Boxes of Love and cards. A magnificent large woven basket was donated to raise funds. A raffle was suggested as a way to accomplish this.

Joy gave the Treasurer Report. Approximately equal funds have gone out and come in, so not much change in funds.

Sandy reported on the 2019 Operation Special Delivery. This is a signature event that we will continue on an annual basis. This year 100 handmade cards with heart tokens were prepared. Sandy brought 7 cards she had left. All 7 were taken at the meeting. Sandy read a couple thank-you notes she received including one from Bill Chisholm, a Sedona City Councilman. He thanked SedonaKind for our positive effect on the community, in all caps.

Sandy reported on Homebound Donations. As requested by Homebound, SedonaKind donated \$500 for an Easter meal including ham for the seniors and school packs for children over the Easter holiday. SedonaKind also donated 5 cases of Ensure. Homebound is very grateful and mentioned that some individual SedonaKind members have dropped off Ensure and coffee. The group agreed to donate \$500 again next year.

Ruti reported that the donations from an anonymous donor, the Arizona Community Fund, collections from SedonaKind and The Sedona Women members, and a discount from Bashas for gift cards for furloughed U.S. Forest Service employees totaled \$4460, which was spent on

223 \$20 gift cards from Bashas. All but 13 cards were given out to approximately 90% of the furloughed employees, and Nicole Branton, the District Ranger, has plans for those 13 cards.

Pam Hollenbach gave the KIS report. May 10 is the last classroom reading for the school year. There will be live ladybugs for the kids to release in the garden. The spring school supplies drive was successful. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10 and several events are planned including a Magic Trolley ride to the Heritage Museum for a picnic.

A need for next year is to provide each student headphones (earbuds), which would be kept in their own desk, to use with their Chromebooks. These would all be purchased by one person to be sure to get exactly what is needed.

The PTA Summer Bash is April 30 from 2:00-6:00. The WSS Principal does not want the teachers to help, so volunteers are needed. A flyer and sign-up sheet was passed around.

We are hoping to provide hand-knit hats for every school child in our area, which would be approximately 700. Sandy has 5 volunteers for 50-100 hats each and Katie Hamilton has a lot of yarn. Pam will speak with the WSS principal about having winter apparel on hand for kids who need it. When a student showed up on a winter day this year without a coat, his teacher asked him about it and he replied: "Today is not my day. It is my brother's day. We trade off sharing the coat."

April 30 is "Pay it Forward Day". Harry the Happy Mouse, about paying good deeds forward, was read to 1st and 2nd graders in April. At Lou Anne Scott's suggestion, Pam prepared ideas for paying it forward for each of us. Katie passed around stickers that say "I paid it forward" for those who wanted them.

Jawn gave an update on Capturing Kids' Hearts, a National program that requires 2 days of training for anyone associated with students — teachers, janitors, bus drivers, counselors, volunteers, etc. It was done with great success in Camp Verde and in Cottonwood with a little less great success. It will be held this year July 31-August 1. There is a follow-up annual training. The cost is about \$20-25,000. SedonaKind pledged \$2,000 IF the first \$18,000 is secured.

Cheri and Donald presented Sedona Kindness Korp as a way to get men involved. They would like to put together 2-person crews to provide lawn clean up (weeding, trimming and gutter clean out) for elderly residents in Sunset Hill and Sedona Shadows. These communities require that this work be done, and many of the elderly residents, a few who are on the HomeBound program, cannot do the work. The date is May 18, and teams would be given their assignments over coffee and donuts at 7:45. When it is known there are enough volunteers, Cheri and Donald will get a list of needs from the residents. Cheri asked for a show of hands of potential volunteers, and there were only 2. A lot of people are out of town by May 18. Gail asked that they not be discouraged as the date is the problem, not the willingness to help. Fall may be better for volunteers. They hope to have 5 teams and anticipate 10 yards could be done. They also need help with the coffee and donuts and food for after the work is done. If you can volunteer, please contact Cheri Baldwin, cherriann@aol.com, 810-931-2115 during business hours.

Gloria reported on Operation School Bell for the "These are Our Kids" committee. Transportation has been arranged by Deana DeWitt with the School District for the homeless children to go shopping for school clothes at Walmart July 22-31. The budget per child is \$100 and should cover 1 pair of shoes, 1 pair of jeans, 1 pair of shorts, and 2 shirts, hopefully with a little left over for the student to choose something for themselves. This would be one-on-one shopping with a student and perhaps all going to lunch at McDonald's after. If you are unable to participate, \$ contributions would be welcome. You can send a check to SedonaKind, P. O. Box 3059, Sedona, AZ 86340 made out to Cornucopia with "SK Operation School Bell" on the Memo line. Please contact Gloria Woody to volunteer, gloriawoody58@gmail.com, 928-284-5880. Gail offered to put this in the Newsletter if the information is received by April 29. It was suggested to ask Walmart and McDonald's for discounts. Jawn is meeting with Ellen Ferreira to ask about participation from The Sedona Women. It was also suggested to talk to your church for support.

Jawn knows of one homeless boy going to prom and his hair cut was donated. The tux rental place in Cottonwood is donating his tux and shoes. Jawn received a birthday check she is donating for their dinner.

Joy said that Cornucopia has asked that all checks be made out to them with SedonaKind and the project in the Memo.

Pam talked to the PTA about how to ID kinds who are not homeless but cannot afford extra-curricular things so support can be arranged for them.

Linda Brecher gave an update on Humane Society projects. Felicia Felip brought a dog who needs a home, but had to leave prior to giving her presentation. On April 30 from 1-2 PM at the Community Center quilts will be made for cats. On May 14 at the Community Center something yet to be determined will be made for dogs. The Community Center is donating the room and SedonaKind is helping with supplies. Some seniors who have lunch at the Community Center have signed up. To volunteer contact Linda at linderjo@npgcable.com, 928-282-1601.

Sandy reported that Elinor Friedman makes wonderful sets of cards to be colored and she donated 20 that could possibly be an activity for seniors on the Humane Society project days.

There will be Kids for Kritters Camps from 11:00-12:00 June 3-7, June 17-21 and June 24-28. Felicia needs 1 to 2 volunteers to teach children ages 7-12 to be kind to animals. They may use some of the KIS kindness books. Contact Linda, info above, to volunteer.

Jawn informed us that a wonderful movie, "The First Grader", is already booked at Mary Fisher Theatre for Kindness Week this fall.

Jawn reported that Jolene Pierson, who is in charge of Coffee with the Vets, has penciled in SedonaKind to provide breakfast one day for the Vets during Kindness Week.

It was asked if we were going to do Blessing Bags again, and it is planned but without toiletries. We would put in socks, hats, ponchos, etc.

Sandy reported that there is now a Homeless Alliance at 2020 Contractor's Row #10. They have asked that if we give out something to those asking for help that we include their card so these people know they are there to assist.

The meeting was closed with a kindness quote from Joy.