



Hillcrest Committee Meeting Minutes October 4, 2021 - 5PM Dunbar Farms

The October 4, 2021 Hillcrest Committee meeting was called to order by President Kate Empasis at 5:05 PM. There were 31 members attending in person at Dunbar Farms. Kate expressed her thanks for everyone wearing pink and attending the meeting.

Old Business:

Minutes from the September 2021 Meeting:

Skye Flora moved to approve the September 13, 2021 minutes. Susan Nolan Olsen-seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report:

Judy Gambia, Treasurer reported the financial reports were emailed to all members. There was a \$50.00 donation made by Susan Nolan-Olsen who accidentally paid her dues twice and donated it to Hillcrest. Expenses included the mini storage unit rental.

Correspondence Report:

Rebekah McAnally reported two thank you notes were received. The first one from Carolyn Ferguson thanking Hillcrest for the beautiful yellow rose after a procedure. She also shared she was disappointed in missing the first in-person meeting after so many cancelled events. The second thank-you was from Nancy and John Thiebes to the "Farm to Table" Committee chaired by Rebekah McAnally. They extended their appreciation for the delicious Farm to Table basket which they completely enjoyed.

Data Base Management Report:

Sue Martin reported she has been working diligently with Edie Chezik to update information on the Ball list along with other timely updated lists. There will be an email coming out asking for any additional corrections and/or additions to the Ball list.

Hospitality/Yellow Rose Report:

Nancy Suvoy announced she delivered two yellow roses: Carolyn Ferguson and Nancy Day.

New Business:

How to commence in 2021-2022:

Kate expressed her concern regarding moving forward this year to in person meetings with the Covid risk still present. She acknowledged everyone has their different comfort levels and her goals are not to make anyone feel uncomfortable, but still involved. Kate would like to meet in person this year in appropriate spaces allowing social distancing. Erin Brower passed around a sign up sheet requesting members to host if they have an outdoor heated area. The hostess would provide: tables, chairs, coffee, tea, serve ware.

The plan is to have future meetings in person the first Monday of the month with the exception of January which will be on the second Monday according to the By-Laws. Meetings will be in the morning beginning at 10:15 for coffee/tea followed by the meeting at 10:30. It's encouraged to have some sort of a boxed lunch. Items would be prepared ahead of time by committee members rather than cooking in the hostess' house. Kate's goal is to keep the meetings private because of the information and discussions shared.

Dunbar Farms was generous to give Hillcrest a discount as a non-profit to use their outside space. Erin Brower purchased six bottles of wine and Kate paid a portion of the facility rental.

Christin Sherbourne shared an idea for gathering Hillcrest members together. The themes would be varied: Coffee and Connect, Wine and Wisdom, Berry Valentine, Remembering and Recipes, Coffee and Cozies, Babes and Brunch..... The goal would be to have longer serving members align with newer members to connect and become more acquainted.

Party Reports:

Judy Gambie reported on her upcoming Progressive Dinner "Party in a Crate" on October 16 for five couples. Committee members will cook at their own homes and bring together items to fill the crates which will then be delivered.

Ball Chair Updates:

Kate reminded the Hillcrest members the Board had agreed to cancel the Ball and do another mailer for fund raising this year. Paden Voget shared Lara David has crafted a well written letter with the intention of mailing it the beginning of November. They are looking for the file which has the Hillcrest Crescent logo. Kate suggested having the letter emailed to the Executive Committee for review. The letter will be printed on a nice stationary with the Hillcrest logo, a QR code and a mailer recipients can return. The co-chairs will be doing a last minute call to various members if they need help folding, stuffing and mailing the letter.

October Breast Cancer Awareness Month:

Rebekah McAnally will be delivering bakery boxes to the three breast cancer centers in our area: Asante Medford, Asante Ashland, Providence. The boxes will contain cookies shaped like baseball with pink stitching saying, "Thank you for helping to save second base." Because of Covid, the imaging departments are asking for limited members to come in. Rebekah will take pictures and post them on the website.

Pink Folders:

Kate encouraged members who have invited new members in the last two years to meet and mentor your nominee/member. The pink folders have been created to help share informative documents during mentoring. Items include: By-Laws, member list, technology resources, Board and committee jobs revised party guidelines, guidelines for beverages, Hillcrest member timeline. All the information can be found on the website.

The next meeting will be 10:30 AM, November 1 at RoxyAnn Winery. Susan Nolan-Olsen will chair the lunch committee.

Kate thanked Erin Brower for setting up the meeting and for Dunbar Farms for allowing Hillcrest to meet.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Jantzi
Hillcrest Recording Secretary