

LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS

GENERAL MEETING

November 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President. Janice Rouse, at 11:50 AM. 28 members and 6 guests were present. Guests were Margie Allman and Cathy Morrison, guests of members. Also, we had Eric Christian, speaker for our program, and Charla, Jennifer and Sheila (CASA personnel). Janice thanked our hostess, Pam Smith who provide the caterer, Fusion in the Woods for our luncheon. She also read thank you notes from RISD and from Purple Heart Homes.

BUSINESS MEETING

Report of Officers

Secretary—Debby Keenan asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. One correction to the minutes was made (punctuation error). Betsy Woodlan moved to accept minutes as corrected, Cay House seconded and the motion was passed.

Treasurer Report—Pam Bowden reported that an unspecified amount was moved from the Unspecified account (now closed) to the new Community Outreach account. All was reconciled and the current balance is \$44,555.82.

Membership Report—Jimmie Standridge reported 58 current members.

Report of Standing Committees

School—Karen Thurman reported that the first responders were given a gift card.

Scholarship—n/a

Good Samaritans—Pam Bowden reported that more volunteers are needed for the 5th Saturdays LCN volunteers for.

Veterans—n/a

CASA—Pam Smith said to please bring the presents, unwrapped, to the Christmas party. Money donations are also accepted.

Nominating/Hostess—Velma Knowles announced that Debby Keenan and Mary Hall would continue if no one else wanted to run. She passed out ballots with their names on it along with place for a write-in nomination. Results will be announced at the Christmas meeting.

Savor the Flavor—Margie Hooper announced that next year's event will be held at The Wildflower, on May 12, 2026.

Sunshine—n/a

Mardis Gras—Denita Young and Mary Hall announced that the 2026 event will be held on February 2, 2026.

PROGRAM

Pam Smith, LCN rep for CASA, introduced the guest speaker, Eric Christian. Eric re-introduced himself and explained his involvement with CASA. He currently has 1 natural child and 3 adopted CASA children. He feels God led him to these adoptions. He then proceeded to talk about his and his wife, Savannah's life. He told how they started out as foster parents and had up to 8 kids living with them. There was a baby they wanted to adopt and had started the adoption procedure when a relative came and took the child back. They were devastated, but kept at helping kids. They adopted a pair of siblings a 7-year-old boy and his 9 yr. old sister. They next adopted another boy, Bear-Bear, whose mom was going to prison. Eric then reviewed what biological parents are doing. That is when he stopped fostering and moved into CASA himself to be able to give all his attention to the kids in need.

Next Meeting: Christmas Party held at Venue 101, 11:30 AM on December 11th. The next general meeting will be in January.

Clarice Bowen moved to adjourn. Fawncyne Worley seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Keenan, Secretary