

LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS

GENERAL MEETING

March 5, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am by President Janice Rouse. 25 members and 1 guest, Terry Broussard, were present. Janice thanked hostesses Sandy Stout, Betsy Woodlan and Pam Smith. The luncheon was catered by Fusion in the Woods. Holly Wasson gave the blessing.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes: The minutes had been distributed before the meeting. Betsy Woodlan moved and Judy Johnson seconded accepting the minutes as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Pam Bowden reported the budget for February was reconciled. The current balance is \$67,097.26. The report will be filed for audit.

Membership Report: Pam reported we currently have 46 paid members.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

School: Karen Thurman reported they are using a liaison working for Walmart so RISD will get what supplies are needed.

Scholarship: Janice Rouse reported that the committee met and applications were delivered to the schools.

Good Samaritans: Pam Bowden reported May 30th is the next workday for LCN. The dates left this year are August 29 and October 31. When she sends out reminder, please volunteer.

Veterans Program: n/a

Nominating/Hostess: n/a

Savor the Flavor: Margie Hooper reported that the committee is still getting restaurants to sign up. There are currently 6 places signed up, but they need to have at least 12. If you know of a place please try and sign them up or call Margie, her committee will do it. Savor will be on May 12th.

Sunshine: MJ Dougherty asked that she be called if any member or their family is ill or passed. Also please email the website, lakecountryneighbors@gmail.com, when you report to MJ.

Mardi Gras: Denita Young reported on this event. She thanked all the volunteers who helped set up, break down and for working on the event. The Yantis FFA is getting all the old/no longer used decorations from Mardi Gras. She thanked Blazin Pizza for manning the bar without charging us. All the tips were given to the girls working the floor. The silent auction made \$9100. The live auction broke records. \$45000 was made the evening of the event, but after all bills were paid, we cleared \$21000. Pam thanked Mary Hall and Denita for all their hard work that takes all year to plan and execute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janice Rouse told the membership that she has cancer of the bladder. She is to have surgery to remove the cancerous cells on March 16. She has agreed to stay on as President until the end of the year. She announced that Denita has volunteered to be Pres, for Janice's second year. Pam Bowden moved to have Denita replace Janice in January of 2027. Debby Keenan seconded it. The motion passed.

The next meeting, April 2, will be held at Pam Smith's home starting at 11:30.

The June meeting will be at the Links at Land's End, at the Pavilion.

Pam Bowden moved to adjourn. MJ Dougherty seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Keenan

LCN Secretary.