

LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS

GENERAL MEETING

January 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President, Janice Rouse, at 11:40 AM. 22 members and one guest, Susy Franklin, were present. The meeting was held at Miracle Faith Baptist Church and hosted by Karen Thurman, Cheryl Shipp and Holly Watson. The meal was catered by Fusion in the Woods. Janice welcomed new member Kathy Morrison.

BUSINESS MEETING

Report of Officers

Minutes: The November minutes had been sent to the members. Clarice Bowen moved and Fawncyne Worley seconded acceptance of the minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Bowden explained to the membership about how someone tried to technically break into our LCN account and was unable to complete transactions due to Pam's and the bank's intervention. She reported that the account was balanced and we currently have \$52,643.14 in the bank.

Membership: Jimmie Standridge reported we had only 11 members paid for this year but have 59 on the membership list. She reminded members to pay their dues.

Report of Standing Committees

School: Karen Thurman reported we purchased hoodies and coats which were distributed at the Intermediate Schools.

Scholarship: Janice Rouse reported that at the Executive Board Meeting in November it was brought up why LCN doesn't give scholarships to home schoolers. This was discussed and a decision will be decided at the scholarship committee meeting.

Good Samaritans: Pam Bowden reported we will work at Good Sam's on Jan. 31st. She will be asking for volunteers. If you have the time, please come and work.

Veteran's Program: No report

CASA: No report

Nominating/Hostess: Velma Knowles reported a sheet of paper will be coming around to sign up for the monthly hostess. Please volunteer.

Savor the Flavor: Margie Hooper reported that the event will be at the Wildflower, Tuesday, May 12th. There will be a meeting of this committee in February.

Sunshine: No report

Mardi Gras: Denita Young reported that all tables are sold for the event, over \$16,000 worth. The raffle was a break-even event last year while the silent auction is always successful. Live auction causes LCN having to buy items up front and then get the money back once bought. She stated they need sponsors for the two auctions. All the money goes to the scholarship fund for scholarships. Set-up this year will be the day of the event since they cannot get into the venue early. FFA will be contacted to see if can help load up the decorations and unload them. We will need a lot of help on Feb. 28th. The evening of the event, they will need volunteers to sell

tickets, to bus tables, and bus high end tables. Times of duty will be determined. Last, we absolutely need volunteers Sunday AM to finish cleaning up.

Old/New Business: The Board moved and Debby Keenan seconded that we raise lunch costs at meetings from \$15 to \$20. A discussion ensued. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

PROGRAM

County Judge Ron Hilliard was the guest speaker. He introduced Diane Wolfe his executive assistant/analyst for the judge. He gave his background and then proceeded to tell us he is the judge for the people. He asks taxpayers what he can do for them. He is also Chief Budget Officer, Probate officer, misdemeanor and civil court judge. He also discussed the current litigation over the previous judge. He has a good relationship with the Mayor and wants to pull people together to make a difference.

It was announced about Judy Johnson's husband being ill. The next meeting will be February 5 at EBC. Velma Knowles moved and Pam Bowden seconded that we adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Keenan, Secretary