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Minutes of General Meeting February 2nd, 2024

- The meeting was called to order by Barbara Leurig, President. There were 21 members, 2 guests, and a speaker present.
- Barbara Leurig led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Barbara Leurig led the members in prayer.
- Barbara Leurig led the group in singing “Hey Look Us Over”
- Roy Meyer introduced the guests at the meeting.
- Program – Barbara introduced Suzann Woodard, Director of Development at the Children’s Advocacy Center for North Texas
 - Suzann presented a comprehensive review of the structure and operation of the Children’s Advocacy Center. Some highlights –
 - Children’s Advocacy Center for North Texas is a state mandated organization that coordinates the investigation of child abuse. They work with a team of experts that include forensic interviewers and family advocates, law enforcement, Department of Family Services, and prosecutors in a collaborative, child-centered effort.
 - The steps in the process are –
 - Adult reports child abuse to local law enforcement by calling 911 and the Department of Family and Protective Services
 - Family is contacted by investigative agency to set up forensic interview at the Advocacy Center in a very welcoming environment.
 - Department of Family and Protective Services, law enforcement, and the District Attorney’s office proceed with investigation.
 - Child may receive forensic medical exam by specially trained nurse.
 - If the child discloses abuse, he or she and any non-offending family members enter the Advocacy Center’s therapy program.
 - In the Healing process –
 - The clinical team assists victim and their families with extensive, trauma-based therapy services to heal the wounds of abuse.
 - Every child and non-offending family member referred to the Center has access to counseling services designed to address trauma and promote healing
 - This is free access to therapy services.
 - Some alarming facts –



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- 1 in 10 children will experience abuse before the age of 18 with 60% encountered at home and 40% from outsiders. And of those abused, only 1 in 10 will report the abuse.
- The Advocacy Center conducted 1,186 interviews last year.
- The Advocacy Center strives to have the best facilities (4 offices) and a highly trained and motivated staff of 80.
- While the Center receives some state and federal funding and grants, they depend heavily on community support to achieve their \$7.5 million operating budget.
- Please see their website at – cacnorthtexas.org

➤ Club Business Items

- Greg Laffey introduced the new members to the club.
 - Marion and John Napurano were introduced and Greg reviewed their journey to get to Robson Ranch and their ongoing activities at Robson. Welcome Marion and John!
- Information on volunteering at Our Daily Bread was covered. We are finishing getting all the volunteers signed up at Our Daily Bread.
- Barbara reported that Marion Napurano volunteered to coordinate the Comfort Dolls program. There are 8 members participating. They meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am in the Bluebonnet Room at the CAC. Thank you Marion!
- The Craft Show scheduled for April still needs a volunteer to lead this event. Kathy Perry will help with the organization.

➤ Announcements/Reminders

- Barbara will contact members who volunteered for Trivia Night to provide times to arrive and work activities. Chris Hagen will lead the Trivia Night support setup.
- Bill Wilson updated the club on upcoming speakers and asked for members to pass on ideas of potential future speakers that he may contact. There will be continuing public announcements of upcoming speakers to increase visitors coming to the meetings.
- Members were reminded to bring hygiene items for the Interfaith Ministries program.
- The next meeting will be February 16th in the Bandera/Medina Room.

➤ Club Member Updates

- Birthdays – Happy Birthday was sung for Susan Galbraith. Other February birthdays are Kathy Perry, Bruce Walker, and Ed Ahrens
- Linda Munz is recovering from surgery.



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➤ Happy Dollars followed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

