

Connections Membership Meeting

November 19, 2024

Attendance: 46

Zoom Attendance: 0

Recorder: Linda Bakian

Jacquie Hinrichs opened the meeting by welcoming the members. She asked them not to park in the lot behind the church.

Treasurer's Report

Lee reported the opening balance was \$20,002.56, and the ending balance was \$26,400.13. Expenses included the deposit for the activity leader's luncheon, canasta cards, gifts for the October meeting, and the monthly Adobe service. At present, 172 women have paid their 2025 dues.

Membership

Sue Steele announced there are 248 members, the maximum number is 250 and there are women on the waiting list. December 31 is the "drop date" and if dues are not received by then, the member's name will be expunged, and she will have to go on the waiting list if she wants to rejoin. Sue asked everyone, "To please pay your dues as soon as you can."

Activity Leaders

Luncheons: Denise Santora Mosher reminded the group the November luncheon will be on this Thursday, November 21, at Houlihan's, forty-one women are coming, and today is the last day to sign up. There won't be a luncheon in December, but one will be held in January at Fino's, no date has been set.

Trips: Carolyn Seibel informed the group forty-nine people have signed up for the trip to Caramoor, and six tickets are available but must be paid for by next week. The committee is working on trips for next year. Carolyn hoped to have one to the CIA but they have been unresponsive. Another play is possible as is a trip to the Botanical Gardens. The committee is open to suggestions, and volunteers are welcome to join.

Cooking Group: Donna Singer said forty women participated in the Cooking Group's Thanksgiving sides event. There will be a cookie exchange at Marianne Siccardi's home on Dec. 3, Carol Maloney's on Dec. 9, Joan Cooke's on Dec.12, and Donna Singer's on Dec. 13.

A virtual cooking class will be held next year. Two possibilities are a Greek chef or an Italian one. The session can be viewed individually or in groups.

Donna asked if anyone has a suggestion to contact her.

PBS/Masterpiece Theater Chat Group: Carol Maloney informed the meeting that the group meets the third Wednesday of the month from 1-3. The program has expanded

to include discussions of movies, television shows beyond those on PBS, and books. Carrol invited new members to join.

Connections Celebrates You: Danielle Manis acknowledged the November birthdays and asked each celebrant to stand and receive a birthday crown.

Walking Group: Janet Daly invited the members to join the walking group which meets at the Ridgewood Duck Pond, on Mondays, at 9:15. The group walks four miles, but members can choose the distance they're comfortable with.

Meeting Activities: Marianne Siccardi reminded the audience that today's activity is bow making. The December meeting will be a Christmas party. The women were asked to bring cookies, cheese and crackers, or anything else they would like. Christmas sweaters, ugly or not, were encouraged.

Opera Group: Jacquie Hinrichs, speaking for Brenda Brunelle, announced *Tosca* would be shown at the AMC Theater, on Saturday, November 23, at 12:30. *The Magic Flute* will be broadcast on December 7.

Zoom Book Club: Jacquie Hinrichs, speaking for Brenda Brunelle, informed the meeting this month's session will be on November 23. A notice about the December one will be sent. There is room in the group, and new members are welcome.

Activity: Making bows with Linda Limak.