

FHN Governing Board Meeting—Oct 24, 2025

Attendee	Position	Present/Absent
Merrill Gallegos	President	P
Jennifer Lopez	Welcome Representatives	P
Ellen Powell	Activity Groups	P
Sonje Beal	Secretary	P
Pam Moon	Treasurer	P
Carolyn Rigirosso	Birthday Luncheon/ Nomination Committee	A
Mary Ross	Birthday Luncheon (alt)	P
Martha Barrera	Borrower's Bonanza	A
Maria Berry	Charitable Donations	P
Clara Iriarte	Historian	A
Rusty Goetz	Hospitality	P
Charlene Flynn	Luncheon Centerpieces	P
Michelle Montgomery	Luncheon Door Prizes	P
Karen Rice	Luncheon Logistics	A
Teresa Kelsh	Luncheon Programs	P
Cathy Cone	Luncheon Reservations	A
Rae Ellen Vitiello	Luncheon Reservations (alt)	P
Margo Olsen	Membership	P
Dawne Settecerri	Membership (alt)	A
Michelle Abreu	Newsletter	P
Laura Trawicki	Website	A

Bold indicates Board Member.

Meeting was called to order at 0907. Members present and absent are above. Prior quarter's meeting minutes were approved as was the treasurer's report.

Committee Reports

Newsletter and Website: Michelle Abreau said the articles are needed by Nov 3 for the newsletter and that the luncheon RSVP cutoff is 3 Nov. It's \$35 for the December luncheon. The luncheon is 4 December. Also, we have a single replacement (Karen Rice) that's volunteered for the website, but two are needed.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Moon presented the report by email prior to the meeting and could answer questions but there were none. Some things that are different than last year are the website costs (because they go in three year increments) and it is always a bit of an unknown how many guests we will have to cover at luncheons, but we have cash balance to cover the shortfall.

Centerpieces: Charlene Flynn will not be doing centerpieces for the December luncheon; instead they will be poinsettias donated by Teresa Kelsh in memorial of her mother's passing.

Door prizes: Michelle Montgomery could use some more so if you have something that you'd like to donate, please drop it at Michelle's door (maybe with a note). She is going to make some things that might be used that way—pinecone gnomes were a lot of fun to make and came out really cute.

Programs: Teresa Kelsh has 10 vendors lined up for the Christmas luncheon and it should be fine. There is a max at the club of 90 and we will likely be close to that.

Birthday Luncheons: Mary Ross reminded everyone that the birthday luncheons are open times on the 2nd Friday at the Club and they've continually had really good responses. Please RSVP to Carolyn Rigirozzi or Mary.

Activity Groups Chair: Ellen Powell reported that all groups are humming along. She'll ask after the first of the new year whether anyone plans to step down. She suggested that we put a little FHN Primer in the newsletter or something so maybe people will have a better sense of when things are happening and when the deadlines are. Michelle Abreau took that action.

Membership: Margo Olsen said there are now 158 members. It's a bit of a problem when people renew twice as we have to refund their memberships and every time we do something like that, we incur a cost from the bank. No one has a good suggestion on what to do about it, but it's something to think about. Maybe we can be more mindful of the subject line in emails so people don't think they're responding to something that's old?

Charity Coordinator: Maria Berry said the September sock drive was a great success for Locker 505 with 281 pairs collected. Reminder that in December, the donation request will be for games.

Hospitality: Rusty Goetz has cards and sent one out this quarter. She's glad to do more, but just needs to be notified of a need. The Newsletter will start a "Committee Spotlight" in rotation and the first one will be Hospitality to hopefully get those recommendations going.

Fall Fling: 18 Oct at Jan DeMay's was a big success with 86 RSVPs and few more party crashers.

Historian: Clara Iriarte wasn't there, but put in her report through the president. She has items for the budget, but needs to know how much she can spend. The meeting agreed to a \$180 budget, recognizing that she has a \$180 budget this year as well already allocated. Also, with a 90 person max at the club, it was discussed and decided spouses could not be included. The agenda cannot exceed an hour. Rusty was asked to do a talk on the geology of the area; the assembled board members expressed that a talk on the history of the area would be more interesting and that there might already be too many things on the schedule for the 50th anniversary luncheon and maybe her talk could move to March or another luncheon. Sonje Beal agreed to attend the next 50th anniversary committee meeting to ensure the Board information is transmitted.

Nomination Committee: Carolyn Rigirozzi wasn't there but all board members and committee leads owe her two nominations for their replacements if they are not continuing, per the organizational guidelines. Please be thinking of someone (or two) and identify open positions to Carolyn. Board members cannot serve for more than three consecutive one-year terms.

Welcome Representatives: Jennifer Lopez has sent out emails to all the people who came to Neighborhood Night Out and were not yet members so we hope to hear about some new people from that.

Luncheon Reservations: Rae Ellen Vitiello reiterated that the cutoff for reservations is rock solid. The only changes that can happen after the cutoff are trades for canceled lunches.

Marketing: Teresa Kelsh, her daughter and Jennifer Lopez worked together to build new tri-fold handouts that describe our organization and what we do. There were two versions of the logo that she asked all to

vote on. She'll get some stamps (discussion decided on three) ordered of the logo so that the hospitality chair can use it when she sends out cards and so that we can get the logos added to the business cards we hand out to let people know about our organization. Michelle Montgomery also said she could put a sign in her yard with the QR code to help get the word out about our group.

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National Night Out: It was held as Neighborhood Night Out on September 16th. There were five locations and it was really well attended, though the weather was an issue in some outdoor locations. This was such a success, with people and with the local government representative (Renee Grout) that it will probably remain a mainstay and we will not consider National Night Out again. It just spreads the police and other representatives too thin.

Star Party: FHVA is putting together another Star Party on 8 December. Merrill Gallegos will offer the use of the red flashlights we bought for the last one. The VP of the FHVA is a member of the TAAS and the last one went very well. We hope they have communicated with the club about the use of the parking lot and that the lights will be off. Last year the club also gave us use of the some chairs in the covered patio space.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Jan 16 at Merrill Gallegos' house again.