



## OBSC Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 17, 2024

**Call to order:** President Harry Luker called the meeting to order at 11:07 a. m.

**Scribe's report:** The minutes were read and accepted as read.

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Tucson Sue was partying in Tucson with her real friends, so Annette was appointed to stumble through the treasurer report. Beginning balance: \$ 7,141.33 (USD) \$ 9,533.00 (MXN). Annette made a field decision to drop the 95 Mexican ¢. \$ 7490.00 (USD) \$ 9,583.00.

**Membership:** Annette's fake surprise act took a dive this time. Pres Harry declared the performance "weak". She reported the OBSC continues to break membership number records. We have 161 current members for 2024. Annette is very excited about the increase in membership. She attributes the growth to Pat Sledge heading the HOA and bringing a much better feeling tone throughout the community. Lew also attributed the increase to the many new people who have bought homes in Cholla. He felt that most of the 'newbies' were great people and are welcome in the OBSC.

**Infirmary:** Karen Caballero and Dolly Wall are doing well post-surgery. We have no news on Donna Schilling, but as far as we know, she is doing well.

**Clothes Closet:** No Tucson Sue, so no report (getting a little old, just saying).

**Sargent at Arms:** Sandy served as Sargent of arms. She gave Mike Samitz a pass as a new member. Harry explained to those in the dark about fines. The money is used to send get well cards and sympathy cards to members. Harry clarified sympathy cards are sent to the family of the member who passed, he observed, as dead people rarely read their mail.

**Social media:** The website is up to date with old newsletters and meeting minutes (except the October minutes, hot off the press this morning). No one was sure if anyone took pictures at last night's party.

**Building Committee:** Harry reported the building was fine, except that we ran out of water this morning while cleaning the kitchen. He will try to find the cause; we know we had plenty of water last night, so something unusual happened.

**Old Business:** A disappointed & sad Annette reported that we only had 45 people at last night's party. She reported that we took in \$1,050.00 at door and \$100 for the raffle. Michelle Keller won the 50/50 which surprised Cheryl, who thought she had won. Sheryl is definitely due to win (someday). Bar tips took in \$53. One bit of good news was signing up 3 new members. There was \$8 in rum chata and fireball shots. The rum chata and fireball was properly appropriated from another club that uses the building. Harry said we will continue selling the shots until we run out of free rum chata and fireball. Harry also was disappointed at the turnout. He theorized that maybe having Mark too soon was part of the problem. Annette had heard that some members felt that \$20 was too much for a typical OBSC party. Another factor was that Mark had already played to a large morning crowd at Mar Blue. Maybe those attending that show didn't want to come to Cholla for basically the same thing just a day or two later. The no-shows didn't know what a great meal they missed. Chef Ricardo did a fabulous job and was congratulated. Many members expressed disbelief that people felt \$20 was too much for an all-you-can-eat dinner, two drinks and live music. It was noted that we had already absorbed the cost of the carne

asada, so we'll probably lose money, but not a lot. Mike Samitz felt we hadn't advertised enough. We explained that banners were put up at 3 locations, but Lew did forget to email out a reminder the day before the show. He keeps trying to get fired, maybe this scheme will work. Unfortunately, the banner we put up at the banner at the new store had to be taken down. We put it up at the old store and will continue to post there as well. There were lots of comments on the cost of live music and we will investigate other singers/bands. Harry said as a last resort, he would break out the drums and Lew could dust off his fiddle. That plan would definitely be a last resort. Another suggestion was a karaoke night. There were mixed feelings about this idea. The scribe said after seeing a KARAOKE TONIGHT banner, he replied, "thanks for the warning."

**New Business:** The next function will be the spaghetti dinner and light parade. The supplies for the dinner were purchased for last year's event and then the border closed, and the dinner was cancelled. The only additional expense would be garlic bread and salad. The club wouldn't make any money, because the profit will be donated to the Children's Christmas party.

A New Year's Eve party was discussed. Annette presented her vision for a NYE party and promptly refused to act as the host. She wants to remain an "idea" person. She suggested start at 7:00PM with hors d'oeuvres, with a toast at 10:00PM, 11:00PM and midnight. We would serve beer, wine and margaritas. We could keep the price at \$10 for members, \$15 for guests and \$5 wrist bands. We can smuggle import "goodish" champagne. Make it a nice, but cheap evening. Any of the parties in town would at least 3 times what we would charge. It was decided to "go for it" on NYE.

Jerry Caballero reminded us of the Policemen's breakfast on January 6. It will be an American eggs and sausage breakfast at 10:00AM. We will do a raffle for the officers. Jerry will invite the new Mayor and administration. Jerry is looking into doing a similar breakfast for the bomberos. He envisions a "bring a breakfast" to them in March.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50AM.

### **Future Event Schedule**

NYE • December 31 7:00PM

Winterfest • January 18

Mardi Gras • February 15

St. Patrick's Day • March 15

Community BBQ • April 12

Steak Fry • May 10

Clean out fridge • June 14

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Submitted by Lew Felton, Scribe