Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Business Meeting Minutes

June 1st, 2023

Present: Karen Kenniburg, Carol Chanter, Kathy & Gary Turnquist, Gail Blucher, Carol Swan, Bill McCarville, Hal Hultman, Cheryl VanVliet, Maureen Posler, Maggie & Norm Hamada, and Theresa Furget.

1. Maggie called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Hal.
3. Additions or Corrections to Agenda: Carol Swan switched item 9i Charity Poker from Service to 8b under Funds. Kathy added United Way Hygiene Drive to 9i. Kathy added Plymouth Historical Museum Membership Renewal under 7d. Kathy added Antonio’s Dinner Meeting Recap under 7e.
4. Approval of May Minutes: Gary made a motion and Carol C. seconded it to approve the May 4th, 2023 minutes. Motion passed.
5. Treasurer’s Report-Kathy: Kathy went over the May 2023 financial report. Gary made a motion and Cheryl seconded it to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.
6. Correspondence-Kathy: She passed around the remembrance card and where to make donations (Humane Society and Devoted Barn) in Dianne Griswold’s name. Cheryl stated she received the certificate for the Ford Rd. Adopt-A-Highway. She thinks the club has been doing this for about 30-35 years.
7. Administration:
   1. Civitan International Convention Indianapolis, IN., August 17th-20th: At the Hyatt Regency, room rate of $149 (plus tax and fees) per night. Further info can be found at [www.civitan.org/convention](http://www.civitan.org/convention).
   2. Summer Social Meetings at Plymouth Twp. Park: June 15th-pavillion beyond the splash pad. This will be the club’s 51st anniversary. Bring your own dinner. The July 20th  and August 17th (YLDC) will be held at the pavilion at the top of the hill.
   3. Recap of West Oaks Literacy Tea: Stephen Mack Jones the speaker was interesting. The food was light and not the usual spread of food items as in the past.
   4. Plymouth Historical Museum Membership Renewal-Kathy: The club decided to renew their membership. Carol S. made a motion and Carol C. seconded it to renew membership at the $200 level. Motion passed.
   5. Antonio’s Dinner Meeting/Canton Recap-Kathy & Maggie: While the food was very good, as was the speaker, there were issues concerning the billing and the restaurant’s attempt to seat another party in the room with us. Maggie was able to have the other party reseated elsewhere in the restaurant. While the contract stated there would be 23 diners, a final count was to be turned into Antonio’s 48 hours prior to the dinner meeting. Maggie did better by calling in the final count of 19 diners 72 hours prior. Antonio’s didn’t revise the contract to show only 19 diners and thus charged the club for 23 diners, which cost an additional $276.85 to the bill. In addition, Maggie had requested that cannoli’s be served for dessert (which was an extra charge) and it was written into the contract. However, at the time of dinner, Antonio’s didn’t want to serve the cannoli’s until the contract was presented.

The discussion was that the club should write a letter or recontact Antonio’s concerning the additional charge of $276.85 to the bill seeking a refund. Also, despite the outcome with any further discussion with Antonio’s, the club will not be going here for any future dinner meetings, which is unfortunate as the food was excellent and everyone enjoyed it.

NOTE: Maggie just added Maggie’s Comments 9l under service to the agenda.

1. Funds-Carol S.:
   1. Camp Civitan Lottery Tickets: Carol stated she has 26 tickets left to sell. They were all sold during the meeting.
   2. Charity Poker-Carol S.: Scheduled for August 10th-13th. Mary has the info concerning the times. Sign-up will be in July.
2. Service-Gary:
   1. Recap of SJ5K-Gary: This was a well-run event with the high schoolers helping with carrying items and setting up. It ended early due to the rain. The club used the new tent. Money raised was donated to five families and the ceremony with the presentation was very moving. A worthwhile event the club looks forward to participating in 2024.
   2. Recap of Focus Hope Report-Gary: For a period, the U of D High Schoolers teamed up with the club to build the food boxes. Afterwards, members went to Polonia’s for lunch.
   3. Miracle League: Maggie stated that Mary is working on dates for the fall games.
   4. Down Syndrome Walk: No report.
   5. Downtown Planter-Kathy: She and Gary bought the plants and planted them. Lyn will be applying fertilizer to the plants.
   6. YLDC: This is to be held July 24th-29th at the Trine University in Angola, IN. The cost is $375. The club has submitted the applications and registration fees for the 10 high schoolers. There was discussion about the email received by Taylor Jeffers (co-director) on May 25th indicating that there were only nine delegates registered so far. A total of 50 is needed to make this event viable. Kathy indicated there are now about 14-15 registered and that a decision would be made sometime next week as to whether it would be cancelled or not. Part of the issue is that the Canadian delegates (of which there’s usually 30) are not being allowed to attend due to COVID. The discussion was that unfortunately, it’s not been very well publicized and supported within the new Region 6 District.
   7. Salvation Army Post Office Food Drive-Kathy: Kathy indicated there were sorting issues and that it took longer.
   8. Plymouth Fall Festival-Kathy: The club’s application was accepted. The committee meets in August and final details will be forthcoming as to whether the club will be partnering with the Sno-Cone vendor.
   9. United Way Hygiene Drive-Kathy: This will be held during the month of June and the donations can be turned in at the Music in the Air concert series held on Fridays at Kellogg Park. Cheryl will put the list of items needed in the June newsletter and Gary will post it to the club’s website. Carol S. made a motion and Maureen seconded it that the club donate $200 from the MP account to the United Way Hygiene Drive. Motion passed.
   10. Camp Civitan June 8-11th-Cheryl: She has 58 campers. Still working on obtaining liability insurance for the RNs.
   11. Joint Meeting? What do we want to do? Would this be better to do in August, so we have more time to plan? Would we want to try and get a Food Truck to come to the park for this? Do we want to check on going to Living & Learning for this as our Social gathering in September so we can have the YLDC students speak in July or August?-Maggie: It was discussed at the last meeting about have other local Civitan clubs (Westland, Kensington Valley, Wayne, Livingston, and West Oaks) get together. The discussion was that Food Trucks want a guarantee of a certain number of people buying and the club would be liable for this number regardless of the participants. Hal indicated that Kensington Valley had a social outing at Genitti’s-Hole-In-The-Wall that was pleasant. The Living & Learning Center in Northville might be feasible to have the gathering in September (September 21st). More details would be needed concerning what they can offer prior to inviting the other clubs. A committee was formed with Kathy, Gary, Cheryl, and Maureen to investigate this further. Gary has the contacts for the clubs that he’ll share with committee members.
   12. Maggie’s Comments: Based upon the issues with Antonio’s and the private room, it’s very hard to find these for the club’s dinner meetings, also, it can be very costly, and size of the room can be an issue. The discussion was that instead of having a monthly speaker in which a private room is needed, go to every third month. That would make it easier. In which case, Red Lobster and EG Nicks would work out. There was also discussion about using the club house at Kings Mill on Thursday nights, there may not be any rental fee. This would have to be checked out further. Maggie has indicated that she’s heard a lot of feedback from members concerning dinner meeting locations. She explained that it’s very hard to find a location with a private room that meets the needs for when the club has a speaker and is going to satisfy all members. Maggie also discussed elections and that there’s no current vice president. That there’s a few club members that tend to shoulder the load and take on multiple responsibilities. More members need to step forward and lessen this load. She was very passionate about her comments.
3. Adjournment: Gary made a motion and Hal seconded it to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Motion passed.

Misc.: Cheryl is planning an outing at her place in Hell, MI., and wanted to know if members were willing to come during the week, rather than a weekend, and what day would be best. Members indicated that a Wednesday would work.

Minutes respectfully taken on June 1st, 2023 by Theresa Furget and submitted on June 2nd, 2023.