Plymouth Canton Civitan Club Business Meeting Minutes

October 5th, 2023

Present: Diana Mecklenburg, Kathy & Gary Turnquist, Karen Kenniburg, Carol Swan, Gail Bulcher, Cheryl VanVliet, Hal Hultman, Maggie & Norm Hamada, Jacquie Norton, Sandy Drauss, Bill McCarville, and Theresa Furget.

1. Maggie called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sandy.
3. Additions & Corrections to the Agenda: Maggie added Awards under 7d, Gary added requirements under 9d.
4. Corrections to September 7th, 2023 Minutes: Hal made a motion and Gary seconded it to accept the minutes. Motion passed.
5. Treasurer’s Report-Kathy: Kathy went over the September financial statement for the general, MP and Camp Civitan accounts. Gary made a motion and Jacquie seconded it to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.
6. Correspondence: Maggie went over all correspondence:
   1. Plymouth Historical Flyer for July-September.
   2. Plymouth Council on Aging October 2023 Newsletter.
   3. Thank you card from Susan Bradshaw concerning the Midland 75th Anniversary.
   4. Paws for a Cause Newsletter.
   5. Notice of the Plymouth on the Rocks Event for November 3rd at Laural Manor.
   6. United Way November 4th Clean up yards.
7. Administration:
   1. October Social on the 11th at Living & Learning Enrichment Center located at 801 Griswold St., Northville 48167, from 6-8:30 PM. Cost is $15. Maggie will contact the facility to see if the location can be moved from the carriage house to the house. Have about 28 attending.
   2. October 18th Purple Rose Theater outing, 3 PM matinee. A few tickets are still available. Contact Jacquie.
   3. Region 6 District fall convention will be October 27th-29th at Drury Inn located at 4110 South St. Lafayette, IN. Must call the Inn directly to make room reservations.
   4. Awards for 2021-2022 Year-Maggie: Maggie received some awards from Civitan International: Kris’s 45th anniversary pin (Theresa indicated that he already received this pin from the Kensington Valley Civitan Club). Maggie gave the pin to Kathy. Banner patch for Civitans at the Helm-Navigator level. Club Recruitment patch.
8. Funds-Carol:
   1. Plymouth Fall Festival Recap-Cheryl: Very successful year as reported in the treasurer’s report.
   2. September Lottery Recap-Carol: Carol reported the club had six winning tickets: one was a bowler-Mike S., Kensington Valley member-Maureen, and then four club members.
   3. Fruit Cake-Kathy: Kathy is waiting to send in the order to Claxton, still waiting Busch’s order.
   4. Dixboro-Carol: This will be the weekend prior to Thanksgiving (November 17th-19th). The club will receive 15% of the profits with coupons used at the time of the sale.
9. Service-Gary:
   1. Ford Rd. Cleanup Report-Gary: Gary reported that four volunteers participated.
   2. Down Syndrome Walk Report-Maggie: Maggie reported it was a nice day. Only about 100 walkers showed up. Thanks to Bill, Kathy, Gary, Maggie, Gail, Carol Swan, and friend Kay for helping.
   3. Focus Hope: October 14th, meet at 8:30 AM at Costco Parking lot. Afterwards the group will go to Polonia’s for lunch.
   4. Halloween Party at St. Neumann’s Church & Requirements-Kathy: Kathy went to the meeting on Tuesday and found out that volunteers must go through a background check and online training (which takes about 11/2 hours to complete) to be a volunteer. The party is the same weekend as the Region 6 District convention. And there wouldn’t be enough members to work at this event. Members were not pleased about the short notice concerning the requirements. It costs $15 for the background check, and this can be done via Civitan International. After discussion, Sandy made a motion and Gary seconded it to donate up to $200 to cover the paper products and treats (Kathy will find out exactly what’s needed) from the MP account and the club would not be participating in the Halloween party this year. Also, the club would appreciate advance notice (August) as to the requirements for next year. Motion passed.
   5. Pumpkin Palooza October 22nd from 11:30-2:30 PM.
   6. Miracle League Report September 30th: Carol Swan and Kathy worked this event. The discussion was whether the club could work the October 21st games, in which the club would throw out the first pitch, have a tent with Civitan info to hand out. Kathy will check on the availability of the date.
   7. Collection of items for Miracle Boxes for the Military Packing Party on November 16th-with the Kensington Valley Civitan Club-Maggie: This will be the club’s social activity and pizza and pop will be served at the event. This will be held at the Lyon Twp. Municipal Center located at 58000 Grand River Ave., New Hudson 48165. Cheryl stated that individual servings of peanut butter and small coffee packets (not instant and not K-cups) are most needed. KVCC has set up an Amazon Wish List for items needed and to make cash donations. Items bought will be delivered directly. The link is:   <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3TY8GQIFCXY75?ref_=wl_share>
   8. Walk of Trees/Kellog Park-Kathy: Kathy turned in the club’s application. The lottery will be drawn on October 26th (she doesn’t see any issue with the club being chosen). Cost will be $115 for non-profit, and trees will need to be decorated between November 17th and the 24th.
   9. Operation Good Cheer-Cheryl: Cheryl has 114 kids this year and expects to have the names by October 15th. DO NOT PUT THE ITEMS IN GIFT BAGS, as they do not hold up with all the handling.
   10. Cooke School Thanksgiving/Christmas-Maggie: Maggie will contact the school this week.
   11. Canton Club 55 Christmas Ball December 14th at the Canton Summitt-Kathy: Kathy stated three volunteers are needed to work this event.
10. New Business: The Club’s Christmas Party will be held at Carol Chanter’s on December 2nd.
11. Adjournment: Gary made a motion and Jacquie seconded it to adjourn at 7:28 PM.

Minutes respectfully taken by Theresa Furget on October 5th and submitted on October 6th.