Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Business Meeting Minutes

November 2nd, 2023

Present: Gail Bulcher, Carol Swan, Kathy & Gary Turnquist, Carol Chanter, Karen Kenniburg, Maureen Posler, Jacquie Norton, Maggie & Norm Hamada, Hal Hultman, Mary Stewart, Sandy Drauss, and Theresa Furget.

1. Maggie called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary.
3. Additions & Corrections to the agenda: Gary added Salvation Army Bell Ringing under 9j. Maggie added Giving Tuesday under 7e. Carol S. moved Thanksgiving and Christmas Families from 8c to 9f. Maureen added Purple Rose flyer under 7f. Hal added Vivian health update under 7g. Maggie added Barb health update under 7h.
4. Corrections to October 5th, 2023 Minutes: Gary made a motion and Carol C. seconded it to accept the minutes. Motion passed.
5. Treasurer’s Report-Kathy: Kathy went over the October financial statement and the End of the Year (2022-2023) Finances. Gary made a motion and Hal seconded to accept the reports. Motion passed.
6. Correspondence-Maggie:
   1. Received a card and letter from Rochelle at the Living and Learning Enrichment Center for the club’s $1,500 donation.
   2. Received a card with a picture from Phyllis Davis.
   3. The Plymouth Community United Way has started their Hats for the Homeless drive October 2nd-December 15th. Besides hats, they’re collecting both outer and inter wear for all age groups.
   4. The November Plymouth Sr Connection newsletter was passed around.
   5. The Girl Scouts sent a letter asking the club to make a membership donation . They would like the club to sponsor about ten girls ($160 per girl) for $1,600.
7. Administration:
   1. November 16th, 2023 dinner meeting will be held at the Lyon Twp. Municipal Center (58000 Grand River Ave., New Hudson 48165) at 6 PM for the Kensington Valley Civitan Club’s Military Packing Party. Pizza, beverages, and cookies will be provided.
   2. Christmas Party at Carol Chanter’s Saturday, December 2nd: Carol passed around a sign-up sheet for members to bring a dish to pass. There will be no gift exchange this year.
   3. Recap of October Social at Living & Learning Enrichment Center: Very informative.
   4. Recap of Region 6 District Convention: Excellent presenters and attendee’s were kept very busy.
   5. Giving Tuesday November 28th-Maggie: Civitan International will triple credits for any donations made. Gary made a motion and Maureen seconded it to donate $500 to Civitans at the Helm to come out of the general account. Motion passed. The club will be credited with a $1,500 donation.
   6. Purple Rose Flyer-Maureen: Maureen passed around the flyer for the next upcoming plays for the 2023-2024 season.
   7. Vivian Health Update-Hal: She remains hospitalized at Ascension Providence in Novi. Doctors are dealing with many issues to resolve. Being Vivian, she has made many new friends among the staff at the hospital. Hopefully she’ll be released soon. She remains in good spirits.
   8. Barb Health Update-Carol S.: She’s having a slow recovery and remains in rehab where she’s undergoing PT.
   9. Ellen Gardner Health Update (just added)-Carol C.: Ellen underwent foot surgery for a bone spur. Unfortunately, while hospitalized she developed MRSA, an infection. She’s now home recovering.
8. Funds-Carol:
   1. Charity Poker-Mary: There was a miscommunication, and the club was not able to sign up for any events in 2024. Mary put the club on a waiting list in case any charities are unable to host an event they signed up for. Usually sign up occurs sometime in August and she’ll be on the lookout for it in 2024.
   2. Fruit Cake-Kathy: They’ve passed out all the fruitcakes to the stores. Discovered that the club was shorted 10 cases, awaiting arrival of them, Club ordered 107 cases this year.
   3. Dixboro-Carol: This will be held at the Dixboro General Store located at 5206 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor 48105 on the weekend of November 17th-19th. The club will receive 15% of the profits with coupons used at the time of the sale. Carol S. has coupons, and the coupons will be in the newsletter too. This is a fundraiser for the club.
9. Service-Gary:
   1. Recap Halloween Party at St. John Neumann’s Church-Carol S.: Went well, had a couple of hundred participants. They were able to work through the minor glitches. Thanks to everyone that worked at this event.
   2. Recap Pumpkin Palooza-Kathy: Weather was very nice, they had six boxes left over. The discussion was to give the remaining boxes to Cooke School. Thanks to everyone that worked at this event.
   3. Recap Focus Hope-Gary: Went well. Worked with a sorority of five ladies. Afterwards had lunch at Polonia’s and a visit to the bakery. Thanks to all who worked at the event. Gary will get May and October dates for 2024.
   4. Recap Miracle League October 21st Event-Kathy: She, Happy and Cheryl manned the tent and gave out candy and Rice Krispie treats. Hal helped to set up the tent. Very few stopped by. The club was announced during the games and our banner was up. The discussion was that it’s not worthwhile to sponsor a day.
   5. Operation Good Cheer-Hal: All the kids have been passed out. Cheryl want’s all gifts returned no later than **Monday November 27th**. Jacquie volunteered to take Barb’s kid. She’ll contact Cheryl. *Don’t use gift bags as they don’t hold up with all the handling they have to go through. If a box has an open section, such as a ball, use a piece of carboard, or something sturdy to cover up the open section.* A picture of Pontiac Airport from 2019 was passed around that showed the massive collection of gifts.
   6. Cooke School Thanksgiving/Christmas-Maggie: Carol C. is collecting all the food for both holidays. Maggie will get the names of the two families (for both holidays) from the social worker at Cooke School on November 3rd. The club decided that the Thanksgiving delivery will be on November 20th at 1 PM and the Christmas delivery will be on December 20th. Carol S. made a motion and Jacquie seconded it that $100 Kroger gift card be provided to each family for a total of $400 from the general account. Motion passed.
   7. Military Packing Party Collection Items: Maggie stated individual coffee packets: Copper Cow Coffee can be bought online. Gary looked this up and it’s expensive-$18 for about six packets. Individual Jiff peanut butter cups are needed, Any snack items or personal hygiene items are needed, along with paperback books, socks. There’s also a wish list via Amazon in which items can be brought and delivered. The link is:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3TY8GQIFCXY75?ref_=wl_share>

* 1. Walk of Trees/Kellogg Park-Kathy: November 17th-24th is set up. Members will meet on Monday November 20th at 11 AM to decorate the tree at Kellogg Park. Lights and extension cords will be provided.
  2. Canton Club 55+ Christmas Ball December 14th at the Canton Summitt-Kathy: Still need one more volunteer. Karen and Kathy have already volunteered. This will be held at the Canton Summit. There’ll be lots of entertainment: dance band, dueling piano’s and balloon a drop etc.
  3. Salvation Army Bell Ringing-Kathy: At the Kroger’s at Five Mile and Haggerty from 10 AM-8 PM on Saturday November 25th. Signup sheet was passed around.
  4. Redford Theater (just added)-Hal: This Saturday November 4th the George Clooney movie O Brother Where Are Thou is being shown at 8 PM. He needs a head count for dinner at El Nibble Nook at 5:30 PM. Purchase your own tickets at the theater.

1. New Business (just added)- Mary: 2024 Downs Syndrome Walk is scheduled for September 29th, 2024.
2. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.
3. Minutes respectfully taken by Theresa Furget on November 2nd and submitted on November 3rd, 2023.