

Plymouth Canton Civitan Club
Business Meeting Minutes for September 7, 2023

Members present: Maggie and Norm Hamada, Gail Blucher, Kathy Turnquist, Gary Turnquist, Carol Chanter, Maureen Posler, Lynn McTyre, Karen Kenniburg, Carol Swan, Cheryl VanVleet, Hal Hultman & Mary Stewart

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Maggie Hamada at 6:25 pm.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Carol Swan.
- 3) Additions & Corrections to Agenda: Under service add H) Kellog Park Scarecrow, I) Kellog Park X-Mas tree & J) Miracle League. Also correct under service A) MS Walk change to Down Syndrome Walk.
- 4) Corrections to August Minutes: None heard. Gary made a motion to approve minutes and Carol C seconded it. Motion passed.
- 5) Treasurers report: Treasurers report was given. Gary made a motion to approve treasurers report, Gail seconded it. Motion passed.

6) Correspondence: A) We received a thank you letter for donation we made to the foster closet. B) We received a flyer for "Make a difference Day" for seniors on Saturday, November 4th from 8:30 to 1pm. Check in at First United Methodist Church. Looking for volunteers to help, breakfast provided. C) Received a quarterly newsletter from "Communication is Key" D) Received a flyer from Paws with a Cause "Where are they now?" E) Received newsletter from the Plymouth Community Council on Aging. F) Received an invitation from the Midland Civitan Club to Celebrate their 75th anniversary on September 17th for Lunch at noon. Cost \$25.00 pp, RSVP by Sept 10th to Susan Bradshaw.

7) Administration:

a) Dinner meeting: Will be at the Red Lobster on Wayne Rd. In Westland on Thursday 9/21. This will be an installation meeting. Karen and Carol C volunteered to be co-president elects and Mo and Cheryl volunteered to be co-president elects for the following year!

b) October business meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 5th at the Salvation Army at 6:30pm.

c) October 18th will be our Purple Rose Theater outing. Tickets have been purchased. If you need one call or text Jacquie. Some members will have dinner after the show and others plan to meet before at 1:00, Call Carol C if interested.

d) Our October social/dinner meeting will be on Wednesday, October 11th at 6pm at the Living & Learning Enrichment Center, 801 Griswold St., Northville. Some members will bring dessert. The committee will work out details and have sandwiches or Lees. Please RSVP to Jacquie if you will attend.

E) Civitan International Convention report: The convention was nice, located in a nice town with nice restaurants. Several members went to Dicks Last Resort, it was loud and crazy and everyone had a good time. The convention was small, under 200 members and international lost money on it. Next years convention will be in Albuquerque in August. Business meeting reports that finance and audit will be expanding. They have 3.6 million in assets due to the sale of the head quarters building. They also have less members. Insurance per member will go up to \$7.50 per member. The 2 million dollar pledge to the research center left them in good standing till 2025. They are working on brain issues and child development. All bylaws passed this year 2 - 1. They will have more types of members. Every member now attending future conventions can vote and they will have virtual attendance options. They have come out with new branding items and t-shirts for clubs as well as new member videos and training for officers. Hal & Cheryl walked a mile using money donated for the "Walk & Roll fundraiser". Cheryl also got a metal for being a CIRC fellow. She was also acknowledged for being a golfer for CIRC. International has expanded their work on autism and added 12 new faculty. The Howard Hughes foundation received 8 million new grant to follow Moms and new babies with gene therapy studies. 28 days usage of Tylenol found an increase of 20% more children with autism. They have a new drug for Alzheimer's. And international is pursuing a link with Civitans and Arc.

F) Region 6 District fall conference will be October 27 - 29th at Drury Inn & Suites, 4110 South Street, Lafayette, IN.

8) Funds: Carol S.

- A) Audit. The Michigan Gaming Control is doing an audit on our Charity Poker and MP Account. Kathy and Mary have gotten together paperwork they requested and Kathy has already sent it overnight.
- B) Fall Festival: September 8-10th. Set-up Thursday Sept. 7th. Workers are still needed, call Cheryl if you can help.
- C) September Lottery drawings: Check your tickets and watch your mail. Our club already has had two winners.
- D) Charity Poker: Went well, Sandy did a great job covering for Mary. Thank you to all the volunteers, our club did well.
- E) Fruit cakes: Kathy and Gary have an order.

9) Service: Gary

- a) Down Syndrome Walk: Clawson City Park, 935 N. Custer Ave, Clawson on Sunday Sept. 24th 12-6pm. We will be doing registration and selling t-shirts. Mary to send out reminders to all who volunteered. Thank you!
- b) Focus Hope: Saturday, Oct. 14th, meet at 8:30 at Costco parking lot in the northwest area.
- c) Halloween Party at St. Neumann's Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd, Canton on Friday October 27th around 6pm. This conflicts with our region 6 meeting so we will be short staffed. Need volunteers.
- d) Ford Road Clean-up: Wednesday Sept. 27th at 9:00am. Meet in the French Toast parking lot. We still have a bag there from the last clean-up.
- e) Pumpkin Palooza: We decided to only pay the \$125.00 fee for this year and candy from BJ's cost of approx. \$424.00. Mo made a motion for a \$600.00 budget for these expenses and Mary seconded it. Motion passes.
- f) Collection of items such as personal care items, treats and blank Christmas cards, etc. for service people. Help pack boxes on Nov 16th as a dinner event at township hall. Pizza and pop. Check out Kensington Valley Civitan Club's website for more information. Gary made a motion to donate \$500.00 for postage, Mo seconded it. Motion passed.
- g) Operation Good Cheer: Cheryl turned in our count, Children info to come.
- H) Kellogg Park Scarecrow: We decided not to do this event this year.
- I) Kellogg Park X-Mas tree: The club decided we would like to do a Christmas tree again, item tabled till next month when we hope Kathy will have information. Members advised to come up with ideas for this years tree.
- J) Miracle League: Saturday 9/30 from 1:30 to 3:00pm. Volunteers needed. Please call or text Mary

11) Adjournment: Motion was made by Gary and seconded by Carol C. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Stewart, September 9, 2023