Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Business Meeting Minutes

January 5th, 2023

Present: Kathy & Gary Turnquist, Bill McCarville, Gail Blucher, Carol Chanter, Barb Mleczek, Maureen Posler, Chery VanVliet, Hal Hultman, Maggie & Norm Hamada, Sandy Drauss, and Theresa Furget.

1. Meeting called to order by Maggie at 6:27 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Hal.
3. Additions & Corrections to 11/03/22 Minutes/Approval: Kathy added Canton Big Band Christmas Party under 8f, and Cheryl added Camp Civitan under 6d to the agenda. No correction noted for the November minutes. Hal made a motion and Carol seconded it to accept the 11/03/22 minutes. Motion passed.
4. Treasurer’s Report-Kathy: Kathy went over the general and MP accounts for November and December 2022. Gary made a motion and Maureen seconded it to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.
5. Correspondence-Kathy:
   1. Received a thank you card from the SJ5K fundraiser (March 2022) in which the club donated $250.
   2. Received the October-December Plymouth Museum Newsletter.
   3. Received a letter from the Dixboro General Store regarding the club’s November fundraiser.
   4. Received a Christmas Card with donation request from Feeding America West MI.
   5. Received a thank you from the Girls Scouts for the donation of $1,350.
   6. Received the January Plymouth Community Sr. Connection Newsletter.
   7. Received a donation request from Focus Hope.
6. Administration-Barb:
   1. January Social Meeting-Thursday January 19th at Red Lobster on Wayne Rd., Westland at 6 PM. In the back room. Maggie stated there’ll be a speaker from the Smaritas organization.
   2. February 2nd Business Meeting at Salvation Army at 6:30 PM.
   3. February 16th Social Meeting at E. G. Nicks in Plymouth. Workshop with Jacquie.
   4. Camp Civitan-Cheryl: Cheryl explained since the North Central District was disbanded/folded into the Region VI District by Civitan International, and this left two projects: Camp Civitan and YLDC without sponsors. For Camp Civitan to continue as it has for over 30 years, it should be adopted by the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club (PCCC) as a club project. At this time, there’s enough camp funds to run the camp for two years which includes paying for the insurance for the camp. The club would not be liable for any maintenance of Michawana Camp as it’s a separate entity. The existing camp funds (around $16,000) need to be put into its own separate account . Currently the club has three accounts at Community Financial Credit Union for the candy box, general and MP (charity poker) and this will make a fourth. After much discussion the final motion was made by Gary and seconded by Sandy, that the PCCC will accept Camp Civitan as a club project and continue to include all clubs within the Region VI District to participate and authorize Cheryl VanVliet and Kathy Turnquist to open a Camp Civitan account with Community Financial Credit Union, and handle any legal paperwork needed. Motion passed.
7. Funds
   1. Fruitcake Summary-Kathy: All the fruitcake has been sold and the club made over $3,000 in profit.
   2. Dixboro Store Fundraiser-Kathy: Club made a profit of $28.01 for the November fundraiser.
   3. Charity Poker-Sandy: Nothing to report, except the dates are for March 30th-April 2nd, and August 10th-13th in 2023.
8. Service-Gary:
   1. Focus Hope-Gary: Box builds are scheduled for May 20th and October 14th.
   2. Special Olympics-Bowling-Gary: Nothing to report yet.
   3. Operation Good Cheer Summary-Cheryl: Cheryl stated the club sponsored 124 kids. She thanked everyone that helped.
   4. Cooke School-Kathy: The two families received four boxes of food (thanks to Buckle Family Chiropractic in Livonia who donated food) and Christmas presents.
   5. Salvation Army-Kathy: Kathy thanked all who participated, especially Mary, who rang for three hours. In addition, club members Carol Chanter, Carol Swan, Maureen Posler, Kathy, and Gary Turnquist covered shifts for the Plymouth Council on Aging on two additional days.
   6. Essay Contest-Kathy: Kathy reported that this will be held at Plymouth Arts Council located at 774 N. Sheldon Rd in Plymouth on April 20th. She has engaged the caterer who did the Club’s anniversary picnic last year.
   7. Canton Big Band Christmas Party Hosted by the Canton Senior Group-Kathy: They sell our fruitcakes every year. Thanked Mary Stewart, Sandy Drauss and herself who volunteered at the party on December 16th, 2022.
   8. Phone Device (just added)-Gary: Gary just bought a device that allows pictures to be down loaded to a computer to print pictures. This might be useful for the photo booth at fall festival. To use it the Photo Stick App needs to be downloaded on the phone and this then allows the picture to be transferred to the computer for printing. Sandy suggested that the photo could also be texted to a member’s phone (Gary’s who has the app already downloaded) to save time.
   9. Down Syndrome Friendsgiving-Kathy: Kathy had a brochure from one of the participants-“Zoie’s Art 21” that she shared and thanked members who volunteered for the event.
9. Miscellaneous-Maggie: Maggie gave a special thanks to all who:
   1. Thank you to Cheryl and all who helped to make Operation Good Cheer possible and successful.
   2. Thank you to Carol Chanter, Kathy, and all who made Thanksgiving and Christmas possible for the Cooke School families.
   3. Thank you to all the Salvation Army Bell Ringers
   4. Thank you to all who worked to make the Christmas Party possible at Kings Mill.
10. New Business (all just added now):
    1. 2023-2024 Slate of Club Officers-Maggie: Maggie stated this needs to be completed by the end of the month. She pointed out that she has no president-elect to follow her for October 2023. So, she would like to get a nominating committee formed. Let her know if your interested in serving on the committee. The committee could meet half hour prior to the dinner meeting on January 19th at 5:30 PM.
    2. Desert Angels-Cheryl: Cheryl shared two responses she received from military personnel that received a Miracle Box. She received a phone call sometime in November from a Green Bay, WI phone number from a serviceman that was calling from Qatar about how appreciative he and his fellow troops were of the box he received and shared. She also received an email from a servicewoman around Christmas about the Miracle Box that she received.
    3. Anastasia’s & Katies Coffee Shop & Café-Gary: He had a letter from the shop that is seeking individuals to serve as a board member and a donation. Mary is now working there as a supervisor. Gary made a motion and Hal seconded it to donate $250. Sandy indicated that it should be more-$500. Kathy indicated in the past that the club had given at least $500. So, after discussion, Gary amended his motion and Hal seconded it to donate $500 to Anastasia’s & Katies Coffee Shop & Café. Motion passed.

Thanks to Maureen for bringing in the cookies to celebrate Cheryl’s birthday tonight.

Adjournment: Gary made a motion and Sandy seconded it to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Minutes respectfully taken by Theresa Furget on 01/05/23 and submitted on 01/06/23. Revised on 01/07/23.