Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Business Meeting Minutes

(Meeting was held at Zack’s Restaurant across the street from Salvation Army as it was closed upon arrival.)

January 6th, 2022

Present: Barb Mleczek, Bill McCarville, Kathy & Gary Turnquist, Maureen Posler, Jacquie Norton, Norm Hamada, Mary Stewart, Cheryl VanVliet, Hal Hultman and Theresa Furget.

Jacquie called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

1. Additions & Corrections: Gary added Special Olympic Bowling under 7j.
2. Minutes of 11/04/21: Gary made a motion and Bill seconded it to accept the minutes. Motion passed.
3. Treasurer’s Report: Kathy gave the November and December reports. The club currently has 29 members. Mary made a motion and Barb seconded it to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.
4. Correspondence: Kathy has received newsletters from the Plymouth Seniors and the Plymouth Historical Museum. Also received was a Christmas card from the North Central District Governor-Wendy Rodgers and a thankyou card from the Canton Seniors for the club’s donation of two pounds of fruit cake for a basket they raffled off. Received a donation request from the MI Works Matter (the club has donated and volunteered for them in the past). See 7i below for further discussion.
5. Administration- Barb:
   1. Dinner Meeting: Thursday January 20th at Archie’s Restaurant located at 30471 Plymouth Rd, Livonia. The meeting will start at 6 PM as Archies now closes at 8 PM. Richards has closed, and a Mexican restaurant is supposed to open sometime in February there. There was discussion due to the increase in Covid cases as to whether the club will meet for a dinner meeting later this month. That’ll be decided as the date draws closer.
   2. Member T-Shirts-Cheryl: Cheryl passed out the shirts to members. The price stayed at $15 per shirt.
6. Funds.:
   1. Fruit Cake: Kathy reported she has 4 boxes of the dark and 1 box of the light fruit cake left. Bill bought the light box at the meeting.
   2. Dixboro Store Fundraiser: Kathy stated the club made a profit of $63.41.
   3. Poker: Mary reported that she sent in the check for the May 26th-29th event to obtain the license from the State of MI. At this point Vision Lanes is open and the poker events are going strong. The next event is scheduled for October 13th-16th.
   4. Candy Boxes: Kathy reported that none of the boxes are out at the restaurants.
7. Service-Gary:
   1. Focus Hope: Gary stated the only date scheduled is for October 8th. A May date wasn’t viable due to conflicts with charity poker events.
   2. Operation Good Cheer: Cheryl reported that gifts were bought for 124 kids.
   3. Cooke School: Maureen reported that the club had 2 families for both Thanksgiving and Christmas in which 3 boxes of non-perishable food items were provided for each family along with a $75 gift card. She also stated that the social worker will be retiring sometime this year and the club will have to work with a new one later in the year. Also, the club received a $500 donation from Carol Swan and some of her friends to help with the purchase of the Christmas presents for the families.
   4. Salvation Army-November 18th: Kathy reported helping with the Christmas present sorting for the families and the bell ringing in front of the Penn Theater . In addition, club members rang bells the Saturday after Thanksgiving at the Plymouth Kroger Store.
   5. United Way “Make a Difference Day” Saturday November 13th Plymouth Methodist Church: Kathy reported there was no participation.
   6. Essay Contest: Kathy reported the theme is: “Stranger in a Strange World.” Hopefully, the club will be able to hold the dinner this year in April.
   7. New Member: Gary indicated that he received an email from the club’s website from a young man who relocated from NY and is interested in joining the club. Gary gave him the business meeting location for tonight’s meeting. Due to the snafu with Salvation Army and the building being closed tonight, not sure if the young man showed up or not. Gary will reach out to him and invite him to the next meeting.
   8. Donate to Communication is Key (November Program Speaker-Julie): Kathy indicated that the club has the funds to donate $250 to purchase a Speech Generating Device. Mary made a motion and Kathy seconded it to donate $250 for the purchase of a Speech Generating Device. Motion passed. Discussion was whether to just mail the check to Julie or invite her to a meeting to present it to her. It was decided to invite her to a meeting and if this isn’t possible, then mail the check to her. Once Charity Poker events start, the club will have more funds available to donate in the future to this project. \*See note in 7i.
   9. Donation Request: MI Works Matters: Kathy received a request for a donation from Anastasia and Katie’s Coffee Shop and Café. Maureen made a motion and Gary seconded it to donate $250 to Anastasia and Katie’s Coffee Shop and Café. Motion passed. Theresa brought up where the funds were to come from: MP or general account. It was decided that the MP account would be used. \*Note: this also applies to the previous motion passed in 7h. Cheryl indicated that this is something that the Kensington Valley Civitan Club has discussed and decided that for any motion made that involves donating money, it must be stated in the motion which account (MP or general account) the funds are to be taken out. Plymouth-Canton should also do this.
   10. Special Olympic Bowling: Gary stated it usually costs around $3000 for bowling. He’s anticipating that the rates will increase about 10% this year. He hasn’t heard from the Special Olympics committee as to whether they’re sanctioning bowling for the year. Normally bowling runs from the second week in February to the first week in April. He also mentioned about doing the photos if bowling is held. Discussion was that the bowlers look forward to the pictures every year. Further clarification is needed from the Special Olympic committee and from the bowling alley as to the current rates before the club can proceed in sponsoring this event.
8. Misc.:
   1. Gary stated that Carol Chanter did a fantastic job of putting on the club’s Christmas party in December. It was most enjoyable. The club appreciates and applauds her.
   2. Future Activities: Need to come up with some activities the club members can do. Discussion was about going out for a meal and some type of a show. Purple Rose is opening soon, and Jacquie is checking this out. The Fisher Theater was mentioned, but an evening might be too expensive, and a matinee might be more doable. Theresa mentioned that the Kensington Valley Club celebrated their fourth club anniversary by going to Genitti’s Hole in the Wall for dinner and a show in October. Someone mentioned Tipping Point as another place to check out.
9. Adjournment: Gary made a motion and Maureen seconded it to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Minutes taken by Theresa Furget on January 6th and submitted on January 7th, 2022.