Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Business Meeting Minutes

March 2nd, 2023

Present: Jacquie Norton, Maggie & Norm Hamada, Carol Chanter, Karen Kenniburg, Carol Swan, Gail Blucher, Kathy & Gary Turnquist, Maureen Posler, Rosemary Garbarino, Bill McCarville, Hal Hultman, Cheryl VanVliet, and Theresa Furget.

1. Meeting called to order by Maggie at 6:30 PM.
2. Additions or Corrections to Agenda: Rosemary added Smaritas Donation under 8f. Kathy added/moved Canton Club 55+ to 7g, SJ5K under 8g, Feeding American under 8h, and Plymouth Community Council on Aging Cookbook under 8i.
3. Additions or Corrections to February Minutes. Approval: No additions or corrections noted. Gary made a motion and Carol C. seconded it to accept the February 2nd, 2023 minutes. Motion passed.
4. Additions or Corrections to Treasurer’s Report. Approval: Kathy went over the February statement. Gary made a motion and Rosemary seconded it to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.
5. Correspondence-Maggie: Received thankyou cards from Smaritas, Anastasia’s & Katies Café and the Girl Scouts.
6. Administration-Carol Swan:
   1. Dinner Meeting: March 16th: Speaker from United Way at Westland Red Lobster on Wayne Rd. at 6 PM.
   2. Region VI District North Central Area Meeting-Maggie: This will be held April 28th-29th, 2023 at the Hampton Inn and Suites, located at 1921 Pipestone Rd., Benton Harbor, MI 49085. Friday the 28th will be fun and fellowship. Share the Warmth, a homeless community in Lenawee Co, will be the service project. Event will conclude on Saturday at 2 PM. Registration is $35. See Maggie for a copy of the registration and the list of items for the project that are needed. Hotel reservations must be made by March 30th, and must be made directly to the hotel (269-927-5878) under the name **Region 6 Civitan** to receive the room rate of $99 (+tax/fees). **DO NOT RESERVE THROUGH EXPEDIA OR OTHER MEANS. (This would impact the charge for the meeting room.)**
   3. New Webpage-Gary: Civitan International (CI) want to standardized all clubs’ websites. Presidents of clubs would have to submit info to CI to be put on the websites, which could take any where’s 5-10 business days to appear. Discussion was that club info wouldn’t be timely in appearing and there would be lost of control for the clubs. Either CI would handle the club’s website, Gary did say that there could be a link directing back to the current website for more local info. The alternative is to continue with the website as is. It appears that CI wants all clubs’ websites to be uniform. This has to do with the branding of the Civitan name and logo. CI also is zeroing in the clubs Facebook pages for the very same reason. Maggie indicated that there’s a lot of information in the February Civitan Magazine concerning changes that are taking place. One is concerning the candy boxes. This is now changing from an international basis to a club based one. Club’s will order candy on their own and keep all the profits or can continue to send to CI and be recognized as Civitans at the Helm donations. This takes effect October 2023. Maggie asked about the All In Summit article in the February Civitan Magazine that doesn’t indicate what this about or how to attend . No one new anything about this. Kathy also discussed the 2023 Compliance Initiative form that she submitted last month to CI. All of this needs to be looked into further, and a committee was formed to look into these changes. Cheryl, Theresa, Kathy, and Maggie have agreed to serve on the committee. Gary also mentioned that CI wants all the clubs to have the same mission statement as CI. He alluded that the Club doesn’t have a mission statement and needs one that addresses what the club does for the community.
   4. Civitan International Convention in Indianapolis, August 17th-20th, at the Hyatt Regency room rate of $149 (plus tax and fee) per night. No virtual attendance this year. Further info can be found on page 16 of the February Civitan Magazine or at: [www.civitan.org/convention](http://www.civitan.org/convention).
   5. April 20th Social Meeting and Essay Winner’s Dinner at Plymouth Arts Council at 774 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth-Kathy: Only one essay has been received so far with still one week to go for submissions. It’s questionable as to whether there’ll be an actual essay dinner or not. Kathy is holding off on giving the Plymouth Arts Council the $50 deposit to hold the room and then pay the balance of $180.
   6. May 18th - Social speaker is Nicol Wassel from Plymouth Community Foster Closet. Location TBA. There were a lot of questions concerning this organization that should be answered by the speaker in May to determine whether the club wants to work with them.
7. Funds-Carol Swan:
   1. Fruit Cakes-Kathy: All sold, just waiting for rebate. Still have fruitcakes from 2 years ago.
   2. Candy Boxes: See 6c above.
   3. Charity Poker: March 30th-April 2nd. Signup is on the website. Still need one more for Fri. Bill volunteered to work it.
   4. Special Olympics Power Lifting at Northville High School-Kathy: Haven’t heard anything about when this is. She did indicate that it’s a lot of work, shopping , just to break even.
   5. Lottery Tickets for Camp Civitan: Cheryl gave Maggie the tickets, who in turn gave them to Carol S. 200 tickets for the September drawing.
   6. Donation to the Huron Valley Humane Society to support a kennel with a plaque with the Club’s name and photo for 1 year for $800. Kathy made a motion and Carol C. seconded it to donate $800 from the MP account to sponsor a kennel. Motion passed.
   7. Canton Club 55+ Bake Sale April 3rd & 4th. Get food to Kathy by Sunday, April 2nd prior to 2 PM-Kathy: Cookies, cupcakes, brownies etc. are needed. Anything peanut butter would be great.
8. Service-Gary Turnquist:
   1. Focus Hope: May 20th-Gary: Meet at the Costco parking lot (Middle Belt Rd. and I-96 service drive) by 8:30 AM to carpool.
   2. Plymouth- Canton Stars Bowling at Plaza Lanes 4-5:30 PM on Tuesdays until April 18th-Gary: Started last Tues with 68 bowlers. They bowl two games, cost of 3.50 per bowler, per game. Photo’s, there’s no place to take them, except in the bar area as the party room has been turned into a video game room. Jacquie made a motion and Carol C. seconded it to pay for the bowling out of the MP account on a weekly basis until the end on April 18th. Motion passed.
   3. Camp Civitan June 8th-11th at Camp Mishawaka in Hastings, MI-Cheryl: Need extra workers for check in and on Friday to help with Carnival games. Collecting prizes (such as bubbles, hats, crayons, coloring books etc.) for Bingo and the Carnival games. In need of a RN and counselors, especially males. Camp cost’s $215 per camper and Cheryl has six scholarships.
   4. Ford Rd Clean Up-Carol Chanter: Wed April 26th at 9 AM in the Office Max parking lot.
   5. Huron Valley Humane Society Dog & Cat Food Collection-Jacquie: This is a no kill shelter in need of dog & cat food in bags (so, they know the ingredients, as some animals have allergies, or special diets), new and gently used hand towels, large bath towels (no wash clothes), yards of fleece material. Bring items to the March dinner meeting for Maggie to transport. March 25th is Civitan Service Day, so, this can be the clubs service project for March.
   6. Smaritas Donation-Rosemary Garbarino: Rosemary made a motion and Kathy seconded it to donate $250 out of the MP account to assist refugees. Motion passed. Also, they need people to help with ESL (English as a Second Language) for the refugees in Westland. Rosemary passed around a signup sheet for volunteers.
   7. SJ5K-Kathy: Race is put on in honor of Jesse Linlbauer (AKA-Supper Jess) when she suffered a near-fatal brain injury in 2010. The first race was held in May 2011 with proceeds to help other Plymouth-Canton families in crisis. Kathy made a motion and Carol C. seconded it to donate $500 out of the MP account for the club to be a silver sponsor (last year we were a bronze sponsor). Motion passed. Hal suggested that the club could hand out water bottles to the runners along the route. Their website is: [www.sj5k.org](http://www.sj5k.org).
   8. Feeding America-Kathy: This is non-profit organization that has 200 food banks nationwide to feed more than 46 million individuals via food & soup kitchens, and shelters. Kathy made a motion and Gary seconded it to donate $200 out of the MP account to the Feeding America group. Motion passed.
   9. Plymouth Community Council on Aging Cookbook-Kathy: Kathy indicated that this group doesn’t receive any funds from Plymouth. They’re considering doing a cookbook to raise funds and if they choose to do it, they would like the club to consider sponsoring it with start up costs.
9. Misc.:
   1. 2023 Showcase & Taste of Plymouth is May 1st.
   2. Pumpkin Palooza is October 22nd.
10. Adjournment: Gary made a motion and Jacquie seconded it to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully taken on March 2nd, 2023 by Theresa Furget and submitted on March 3rd. 2023.