Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Business Meeting Minutes

April 6th, 2023

Present: Carol Chanter, Karen Kenniburg, Jacquie Norton, Barb Mleczek, Carol Swan, Gail Blucher, Kathy & Gary Turnquist, Kris Krzyzanski, Maggie & Norm Hamada, Cheryl VanVliet, Mary Stewart, Lynn McIntyre, Diana Mecklenburg, and Theresa Furget.

1. Maggie called the meeting to order at 6:27 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Kris.
3. Additions or Corrections to Agenda: Maggie added West Oaks Literacy Tea under 7f, Canton Bake Sale under 9f, Chamber Scholarship and Volunteer of the Year under 9h, and YLDC under 9l.
4. Additions or Corrections to March Minutes. Approval: Gary made a motion and Kris seconded it to accept the March minutes. Motion passed.
5. Treasurer’s Report-Kathy: Kathy went through the March financial statement discussing the general and MP accounts. Gary made a motion and Carol C. seconded it to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.
6. Correspondence-Maggie: Maggie passed around the following items: Letter from Feeding America thanking the club for the $200 donation, Plymouth Twp. Police program for April 13th concerning drugs, the Jan-March newsletter from the Friends of the Historical Museum, Plymouth Community Council on Aging Sr. Connections newsletter for April, Paws With a Cause 2022 Annual report, and U of M Throat Cancer Screening for April 22nd from 9-1 PM.
7. Administration: Barb Mleczek:
   1. Region VI District North Central Area Meeting: This will be held April 28th-29th, 2023 at the Hampton Inn and Suites, located at 1921 Pipestone Rd., Benton Harbor, MI 49085.
   2. Civitan International Convention in Indianapolis, IN., 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).
   3. April 20th Social Meeting and Essay Winner’s Dinner at Plymouth Arts Council at 774 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth at 6 PM-Kathy: The cost is $20 for the dinner. The discussion was to invite the principals of the winning students to hear them read their essays. As always, the superintendent of the schools will be invited. Kathy passed around a sign-up sheet for those attending.
   4. May 18th Social Speaker is Nicol Wassel from Plymouth Community Foster Closet: To be held at Antonio’s Cucina Italiana, at 6 PM, located at 2220 N. Canton Ctr. Rd. (south of Ford Rd.) Canton, 48187.
   5. Summer Social Meetings at Plymouth Twp. Park: June 15th-pavillion beyond the splash pad, July 20th-pavillion on top of the hill and August 17th-pavillion at the top of the hill.
   6. West Oaks Literacy Tea May 8th, 7 PM.-Cheryl: Peg Kulas is selling tickets for the club’s annual Literacy Tea. Cost is $20. The speaker will be Stephen Mack Jones, the author of the August Snow series. This will be held at the Longacre Elementary School located at 34850 Arundel St. Farmington Hills, 48335. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Cheryl if interested in attending.
8. Funds-Carol Swan & Mary Stewart:
   1. Charity Poker-Mary: The March event was profitable for the club.
   2. Special Olympics Power Lifting: Doesn’t appear that it’s going to take place as have not heard anything from the group.
   3. Lottery Tickets for Camp Civitan-Carol S.: Carol has plenty of tickets to sell, tickets are $5 each.
9. 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. 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 costs $215 per camper and Cheryl has six scholarships. So far, she has 23 campers registered. The defunct Sundowners Civitan Club donated $1,400 and the defunct Pontiac Civitan Club donated $1,600 to the camp.
   3. SJ5k May 7th, 8 AM-Kathy: This will be held at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Varsity Football Field located at 8400 N. Beck Rd., Canton, 48187. The club has volunteered to hand out water. It’ll be a chance to show off the club’s new tent. Contact Kathy if you’re able to help.
   4. Down Syndrome Guild-Mary: Paulette has indicated that the Guild will be participating in the Detroit Free Press Marathon in Detroit on October 13th-15th. They will need volunteers on the 15th, the day of the race. Also, T-up for Down Syndrome will be held on August 2nd. Awaiting further details for the two events.
   5. Ford Rd. Clean Up Wed April 26th – Gary: Meet at 9 AM in the Office Max parking lot at French Toast.
   6. PCCCA Cookbook & Canton Bake Sale: PCCCA is in need of recipes to have a cookbook. Submit your recipes to Carol C., Karen or Kathy and they’ll complete the form. Kathy thanked all the members who donated items for the Canton bake sale.
   7. Plymouth Planter May 13th, 10 AM-Kathy: Kathy is looking for volunteers to help purchase and plant the flowers. Lynn volunteered. Contact Kathy if you’re able to help. Cheryl made a motion and Jacquie seconded it to pay up to $200 out of the general account to cover the cost of the flowers. Motion passed.
   8. Showcase Plymouth May 1st, 5-7:30 PM/Chamber Scholarship /Volunteer of Year-Kathy: Kathy doesn’t know the price of the tickets yet. This will be held at St. Johns Resort located at 44045 5 Mile Rd., Plymouth, 48170. Kathy discussed the three categories of scholarships to donate to. The club has always donated to the Educational Excellence Foundation. Kathy made a motion and Carol C. seconded it to donate $200 from the MP account to the Educational Excellence Foundation. Motion passed. Gary then made an amendment and Kris seconded to give $250 instead of $200 out of the MP account. Amendment passed. Kathy made a motion and Gary seconded it to have Maggie represent the club as it’s volunteer of the year for 2023. Motion passed.
   9. Plymouth Festival September 8th-10th -Kathy: Chamber meetings are to start this month concerning the festival. Club will not host the Taste Fest. Discussion about going in with another group for the pancake breakfast or spaghetti dinner was held.
   10. Miracle League-Mary: The league needs buddies for the April 30th game. The discussion was that it’s still cold in April, May would be better. The only date is May 20th which is Focus Hope. She’ll check on dates in June. The games are held at Bilkie Family Field, located at 357 Theodore St., Plymouth, 48170.
   11. Post Office Collection & Sorting at Salvation Army: Kathy hasn’t heard anything about this event yet.
   12. YLDC (Youth Leadership and Diversity Conference)-Kris: This is to be held July 24th-29th at the Trine University in Angola, IN. The cost is $375. He contacted Jan at Plymouth-Canton Schools for participants and within two weeks she had the names of the eight delegates that the club will sponsor. The club will pay $190, and the delegates will pay the rest-$185. Maggie brought up the club paying $250, and Kris indicated the amount had already been established for this year. This can be looked at for next year. Will have the delegates come to the August 17th picnic to discuss their experiences at YLDC.
   13. Plymouth-Canton Stars Bowling at Plaza Lanes: 4-5:30 PM on Tuesdays until April 18th -(just added by Gary): Only two weeks left. Have about 63 bowlers, of which 30% are new. Will be taking a group photo on the last day.
   14. Living & Learning Enrichment Center (just added by Maggie): Maggie stated the March speaker from here has invited the club to come and check out their facility. This could be done on a scheduled business meeting , in which the members would tour the facility and then hold the business meeting in one of their conference rooms. The center is located at 801Griswold St., Northville, 48167 (just off 8 Mile Rd.). Maggie will set this up.
   15. Transportation (Just added by Kathy): A former Civitan member-Dianne Griswold is in need of transportation in taking her places, such as doctor’s appointment. She can be contacted at: 734-451-1828, or [Di48170anne@yahoo.com](mailto:Di48170anne@yahoo.com).
   16. Plymouth Downtown Development (just added by Maggie): Maggie indicated that they’re looking for sponsors for the Music in the Air concert series that goes from May 26th to September 1st, 2023. This brought up conversation about when the club sold dessert items at concerts for many years.
10. Adjournment: Gary made a motion and Mary seconded it to adjourn at 7:33 PM. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully taken on April 6th, 2023 by Theresa Furget and submitted on April 7th, 2023.