Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Business Meeting Minutes

April 7th, 2022

Present: Kathy Turnquist, Carol Swan, Barb Mleczek, Gail Blucher, Maureen Posler, Mary Stewart, Carol Chanter, Maggie & Norm Hamada, Cheryl Van Vliet, Hal Hultman, Lynne McTyre, Happy Westmeier, Sandy Drauss and Theresa Furget.

1. Maggie called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Additions & Corrections: None.
3. Minutes of 03/03/2022: Carol C. made a motion and Gail seconded it to approve the minutes of 03/03/22. Motion passed.
4. Treasurer’s Report: Kathy gave the March report. Hal made a motion and Carol C. seconded it to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.
5. Correspondence Kathy:
   1. Plymouth Historical Museum newsletter for January-March was passed around.
   2. Plymouth Community Senior Newsletter for April was passed around.
   3. Cooke School thank you letter for the club’s donation ($600) was passed around.
   4. SJ5K Run thank you letter for the club’s donation ($250) was passed around. The run will be held on May 1st.
6. Administration-Barb:
   1. North Central District Spring Meeting: April 22-24 in Benton Harbor. Three members will be attending as delegate’s, (Maggie, Jacquie, and Kathy) with seven club members attending. They need a head count for meals, so if you’re attending, please let them know no later than April 13th. They will be collecting non-perishable food items or cash donations for the West MI Food Bank in Benton Harbor. Cheryl made a motion and Mary seconded it that the club donate $100 from the MP account for the West MI Food Bank in Benton Harbor. Motion passed.
   2. International Conference in San Antonio (in person or virtually) July 4-7th.: Cheryl and Hal might go. Maggie and Jacquie plan to attend virtually.
   3. Summer Social Meetings: To be held in Plymouth Twp. Park (June, July, and August: The first pavilion on the left has been reserved for June 16th, July 21st, and August 18th. Maggie explained that there might be more members in attendance that don’t normally come to the business and dinner meetings.
   4. April Dinner Meeting: Wednesday April 20th at Plymouth Art Council (774 Sheldon Rd.) Honoring Plymouth-Canton essay contest winners. Cost is $20.
7. Funds-Carol S.:
   1. Charity Poker-Mary: May 26th-29th, Thursday and Friday 6 PM -2:30 AM, and Saturday and Sunday 10 AM-6PM. Mary stated she’s just waiting for approval from the State of MI (SOM) and for the license to arrive. Sign-up sheet was passed around to work the event. She stated that she contacted SOM about approval and was told that the SOM is just now starting to approve May events.
   2. Bake Sale Canton Senior Club Monday, April 11th-Kathy: The club is giving us 25% of the profits from the bake sale. Bake items can be dropped off at Kathy’s house on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If dropping off on Sunday, it must be prior to 2 PM.
   3. Grand Traverse Pie Co.-May 19th-Kathy: This is now a corporate store and they’re not doing any type of fundraisers. So, the May dinner meeting will not be held here.
   4. Flag Day-Kathy: Kroger’s is only letting the Boys and Girls Scouts and Salvation Army do any type of fundraisers now. Holiday Market was brought up as a location. Kathy stated that her concern is whether there would be enough volunteers as Camp Civitan is also going on at the same time. This will be revisited next year.
   5. Howell Balloon Fest June 24th-26th-Cheryl: Vivian contacted the chamber, and nothing has been decided as to the format or if volunteers are needed.
   6. MI Lottery Tickets-Carol S.: Carol is still selling the tickets. Drawing will be in September, and she must turn in the tickets sometime in August. She’ll go to the Special Olympic Bowling on Tuesday to sell the tickets from 4-5 PM.
8. Service-Kathy:
   1. Ford Rd Clean UP-Kathy: April 27th at 9 AM meet in the parking lot next to the Optical Store at the corner of Morton Taylor and Ford Rds. Same as French Toast restaurant. So far, Mary, Hal, Cheryl, Barb, Kathy & Gary, Maggie & Norm are cleaning up.
   2. Plymouth Planter May 14th-16th-Kathy: Kathy is going to seek Diana Mecklenburg’s expertise in choosing the plants. It was decided to meet at the planter (corner of Main & Ann Arbor Trail Rds.) on Sunday May 15th around 5:30 PM to plant as the plants will not be watered until the 16th. Afterwards the group will go out to dinner.
   3. MS Walk at Kensington Park (Maple Beach area), Sunday May 22nd at 9 AM-Kathy: Kathy hasn’t heard any details yet.
   4. Showcase & Taste of Plymouth at Inn of St. Johns-Monday May 2nd, 5-7 PM-Kathy: Tickets are $8. Kathy passed around a sign-up sheet. She’ll obtain the wrist bands for those members that’ll be attending. Contact Kathy if you can help with the setup and cleanup.
   5. Focus Hope Food Box Build-May 21st-Kathy: Meet in the NW corner of the Livonia Costco (Middle Belt & Schoolcraft Rds.) at 8:15 AM. There’s a new site for the box building. It’s the 2nd building on the left after turning on Oakman Blvd. It’s no longer located towards the back near the traffic light. The parking lot is across from the building . The lot is enclosed by a black fence.
   6. Camp Civitan June 9th-12th-Cheryl: So far, Cheryl has 11 campers registered. The theme is Disney. Still looking for counselors.
   7. Canton Club 55+ Treasure Sale June 15th-19th-Kathy: Still waiting to hear as to the shifts that need to be covered. It’ll just entail sitting at a table under a tent collecting money.
   8. Down’s Syndrome Walk-Saturday August 20th-Mary: Details haven’t been worked out yet. Belle Isle is being considered as the venue.
   9. Student Citizen Award sponsored by Chamber of Commerce donation: Kathy reported that a donation of $100 has already been made.
   10. Friends of Plymouth Historical Museum membership-Kathy: It’ll cost $100 to renew the club’s membership. Cheryl made a motion and Mary seconded it to pay $100 out of the MP account to renew membership. Motion passed.
   11. Plymouth Fall Festival-Kathy: Kathy stated the Fall Festival committee meetings will start to meet on April 12th and will continue the second Tuesday of the month afterwards. The Festival will run on September 9th-11th. Discussion was whether the club would sponsor the Taste Fest this year. Vendors will be extremely hard to obtain due to the restaurants struggling. The venue is a smaller and obtaining enough volunteers to work it. Carol S. made a motion and Hal seconded it that the club would not sponsor the Taste Fest this year. Motion passed. The club will still have the photo booth, and the Sno Cone vendor has already requested our club to collaborate with her. There was also discussion as to whether the club could work parking. Again, this comes down to having enough members to work it.
   12. Miracle League-Mary: Last year it appears no member worked any of the games and it may be better if the club worked an event as a group instead of individually. She’ll check out the dates of future games and present them to the members.
   13. Post Office Food Collection/Sorting May 16th-19th-Kathy: The actual food drive will be held on May 14th at the Canton and Plymouth P. O.’s. Sorting, expiration dates, boxing and clean up will be held at the Salvation Army building starting on Monday May 16th from 1-4 PM, Tuesday May 17th from 9 AM-Noon, 1-4 PM, Wednesday May 18th from 9 AM-Noon, 1-4 PM and concluding on Thursday May 19th from 9 AM-Noon, and 1-4 PM. Go online to sign-up to volunteer.
9. New Business
   1. May 19th Dinner Meeting-Maggie: TBD.
   2. Village Theater at Cherry Hill-Kathy: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof is currently being performed. Gary has a small part in the play according to Kathy. Ticket prices are $16 for seniors and regular price is $18. Performances are at 7 PM April 7-9th and 3 PM on April 10th.
10. Adjournment: Maureen made a motion and Carol S. seconded it to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM.

Minutes taken by Theresa Furget on April 7th, 2022 and respectfully submitted on April 14th.