Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Business Meeting Minutes

August 4th, 2022

Present: Jacquie Norton, Mary Stewart, Gail Blucher, Carol Swan. Bill McCarville, Kathy & Gary Turnquist, Maureen Posler, Barb Mleczek, Happy Westmeier, Lynn McTyre, Cheryl VanVliet, Hal Hultman, Sandy Drauss, Maggie & Norm Hamada, and Theresa Furget.

Jacquie acknowledged the August birthdays of: Kathy, Barb, Lynn, and Pat.

1. Meeting called to order by Jacquie at 6:38 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Maggie led members in the reciting.
3. Additions & Corrections to Agenda: Mary added Miracle League under 10l. Cheryl added Fall Festival under 9d, and Hal added Pop-up Canopy under 9e. Gary made a motion and Bill seconded it to accept the agenda. Motion passed.
4. Additions & Corrections to 07/07/22 Minutes: No additions were made but corrections were made by Kathy: Under 7 the price of fruitcakes should have been $2.77 to $2.85. Under 10g the essay winner and her twin sister were camp counselors, and their brother was a camper
5. Approval of 07/07/22 Minutes: . Maureen made a motion and Hal seconded it to accept the minutes. Motion passed.
6. Treasurer’s Report-Kathy Turnquist: Kathy went over the general account, fruitcake account and the MP account. Gary made a motion and Carol seconded it to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.
7. Correspondence-Kathy:
   1. Kathy passed around the Plymouth Community Senior Connections newsletter for August.
   2. Kathy has received the State of MI non-profit corporation application to be completed and turned in by October 1st, with the fee of $20.
   3. Jacquie received a 50th anniversary patch from CI for the club’s banner. She also received Carol Chanter’s 25-year anniversary pin which will be presented to her later. Both items were passed around for members to view.
8. Administration-Barb Mleczek:
   1. Mr. Miguel’s restaurant menu was passed around by Jacquie as a potential dinner meeting location. This is the old Richards; the meeting room no longer has the broken folding door. She stated the food is good.
   2. August Social Meeting: Plymouth Twp. Park, Thursday August 18th at 6 PM. BYO dinner and beverage. It’ll be a game night, so, bring a game. It’ll be the same pavilion that the club has been using this summer.
   3. September Business Meeting: September 1st, at Salvation Army at 6:30 PM.
   4. Social Meeting-Jacquie: September 14th (Wednesday) at the Plymouth Historical Museum with tour and pizza and Installation of officers. She’ll find out if the club must pay the rental fee, plus by the hour charge since the club is a member. Members agreed with pizza, salad which she figures will be around $10. Also, for an additional $5, members can have a private tour of the museum. Jacquie will contact the Plymouth Historical Museum to clarify room costs and fee’s Fri, then the actual cost per member will be determined. This dinner meeting will be held at 6 PM. Please note this is a Wednesday and not the normal Thursday.
   5. October Social Meeting-Jacquie: October 20th at the Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea for “Pickleball”. Matinee $36, evening $30. Lunch or dinner at Common Ground. The Common Ground is not open for lunch, but there’s a restaurant across the street-Smokehouse BBQ which is open for lunch and dinner. After discussion, it was decided to go to the matinee with most members going to dinner afterwards. Jacquie will order around 20 tickets Friday.
   6. North Central District Convention: August 26th-28th at the Hyatt Place South Bend/Mishawaka. Cost $55 for registration and meal cost is $45. Payable to North Central District. This will be the last NC District convention due to the change in the CI (Civitan International) bylaws. Cheryl indicated so far 50 individuals are registered.
   7. Zoom Meeting for Presidents and President Elects on Tuesday August 2nd Report-Maggie: Maggie stated this was a meeting with Dan Brown, the current president concerning the upcoming changes-some which already took effect in July Maggie stated a lot of information was given and it was hard to keep up with all that was being said. Attendees requested the power point slides be made available to obtain all the information given during this meeting. One of the changes had to do with what constitutes a quorum when membership is voting on amendments. Also, CI discovered that the charter requires Districts. Thus, their original intention was to dissolve the current districts. and move to regions instead by October 1st. This will still be done; however, the regions will be known as Districts instead of Regions. These Districts will be much larger than the current existing Districts. Maggie indicated there were a lot of question with few answers as to how these Districts will be funded. Dues were also discussed, but no real answers were given by CI, even though they indicated that dues collected will be less then what they are currently.
9. Funds-Carol Swan:
   1. Lottery Tickets: All sold.
   2. Charity Poker-Mary: October 13th-16th at Vision Lanes. October 13th-14th will be day games from 10 AM-6 PM and October 15th-16th will be evening games from 6:30 PM-2 AM. Mary will have the sign-up sheet in September.
   3. Fruit Cakes-Kathy: The Pontiac Civitan Club is turning in their charter, and they want another club to take over their fruitcake sales. They sell 200 cases which is 4,800 pounds of fruitcake and make a profit of $4,500. Currently the Plymouth-Canton Club only sells about 56 cases of fruitcake, which is a tremendous amount of work, which Kathy and Gary do the brunt of. After much discussion about the location of stores (east side area, like Waterford, Rochester, Pontiac, etc.), travel expenses, and the physicality , members decided the club could not take this on. Theresa indicated that this will be discussed with the Kensington Valley club (KVCC) at their business meeting on the 11th. However, it’s unlikely that they’ll take it on.
   4. Fall Festival-Cheryl: This will be held on Friday September 9th (Noon-11 PM), Saturday September 10th (8 AM-11 PM) and Sunday September 11th (8 AM-6 PM). Cheryl sent a signup sheet around for the photo booth positions of photographer, printer, cutter, and cashier. Kathy stated there’s a meeting this Tuesday for Fall Festival, and she’ll find out whether the club will work with the slush vendor again, which was successful last year. Afterwards on Sunday there’ll be the pizza afterglow. Details to be decided. Cheryl has a regular size printer with ink cartridges that was bought last year for use at the photo booth. Since it didn’t work out for picture printing, she would like to sell it. Sandy indicated she was interested.
   5. Pop-Up Canopy/Tent-Hal: Hal stated one of the two club’s tents was discarded after the frame was broken when used at the 2021 Pumpkin Palooza and was stored while still wet which resulted in mold and mildew. The club needs to invest in a new canopy/tent, one in which the club’s name can be printed on the top on all four sides. It will cost additional to have the club’s name printed on the four sides. A normal plain white tent is about $200. Currently the club’s name is not on the tent and must be placed via a banner using poles. A new tent would alleviate this additional work of using poles to display the club’s name. After discussion, in which members are in favor of a new tent with the club’s name at the top on all four sides, Hal will research the costs, availability and present this information at the dinner meeting on the 18th.
10. Service-Gary Turnquist:
    1. Focus Hope: October 8th. The KVCC is already aware of this date.
    2. Girl Scouts: Gary received an email from the new president of the local Girl Scouts reaching out to the club looking for a donation. Discussion was about the Girl Scouts working with the club in some service activities such as Operation Good Cheer and Focus Hope. The president will be contacted about being a guest speaker at the club’s November dinner meeting.
    3. Fall Festival-Kathy: The Miracle League group will have a table next to our tent. However, they need someone to man their table on Saturday September 10th as they have games all day long. Kathy will find out more information at the Fall Festival meeting this Tuesday.
    4. Pumpkin Palooza-Kathy: No date has been set yet.
    5. St. John Neuman Halloween Party (Gary just added): The party will either be October 21st on the 28th.
    6. Plymouth Scarecrow (Kathy just added): Registration fee is $60 and runs from September 23rd to October 31st. Cheryl and Hal have the scarecrow body in storage and will pass it on to the group that’ll be dressing it. It’s thought the scarecrow can be put up in Kellogg Park on September 22nd. Kathy also mentioned that she doesn’t know anything about the Christmas trees in the park yet.
    7. Adopt a Family from Afghanistan Speaker: Club member Rosemary attended a talk put on by Samaritan’s Purse about this and thought this would be a good dinner meeting speaker. Contact will be made with organization to see if they can speak to the club for the January dinner meeting.
    8. NC District Service Project-Desert Angels/Miracle Boxes (KVCC): This is a service project that the KVCC club has been doing for a couple years in which boxes of non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items are sent to the military troops overseas. This has been chosen by the NC District as their last service project prior to dissolution. A list of needed items was passed around to members. Theresa indicated no pork items and no aerosol cans. Club members can just give the collected items to Cheryl, Hal, Maureen, and Theresa instead of taking them to the NC District Convention. Cheryl shared a few letters received from individuals that have received items: an individual in Afghanistan was appreciative of the quality coffee (Biggby) that they received and another in Yemen really appreciated the toothpaste as this is a hard-to-get item. In addition to discussion of items needed there was discussion about a monetary donation being given to KVCC. Gary made a motion and Maureen seconded it to donate $500 from the MP account to KVCC to purchase items for the Desert Angels/Miracle Boxes and/or to be used in the postage costs of mailing the boxes. Motion passed. The KVCC club will be hosting a packing party sometime in October and members will be invited to participate.
    9. Down Syndrome Walk-Mary: The date and location keeps changing. New date is Sunday October 9th someplace in Southfield. Mary is still working on getting the final details.
    10. Ford Rd Clean-Up: Gary indicated he doesn’t know the dates as Carol Chanter is not in attendance. Theresa stated she thought the dates were September 24th to October 2nd. It was then tentatively decided to cleanup Ford Rd. on Wednesday September 28th. Meet in front of French Toast at 9 AM.
    11. Operation Good Cheer-Cheryl: She hasn’t heard from her contact yet. Members can start recruiting participants.
    12. Miracle League-Mary: She has the club signed up for September 24th for the 12:00 PM-1:15 PM game. Need to arrive by 11:45 PM. Mary passed around a signup sheet for photographer, buddies, and concession stand.
    13. Meals on Wheels (Jacquie just added): The city of Wayne is looking for drivers, let her know if you can volunteer.
11. Jacquie presented Theresa with the club’s tote bag and gift bag that was handed out at the 50th anniversary party in July. She was also given a raffle ticket prize.
12. Adjournment: Mary made a motion and Gary seconded it to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Minutes respectfully taken on August 4th by Theresa Furget and submitted on August 5th, 2022.