Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Business Meeting Minutes

September 1st, 2022

Present: Carol Chanter, Barb Mleczek, Gail Blucher, Kathy & Gary Turnquist, Carol Swan, Maureen Posler, Cheryl VanVliet, Hal Hultman, Diana Mecklenburg, Maggie & Norm Hamada, Lynn McIntyre, Happy Westmeier, and Theresa Furget. Guest: Dianne Griswold.

1. Meeting called to order by Maggie at 6:30 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Hal led members in reciting the pledge of allegiance.
3. Additions & Corrections to 08/04/22 Minutes/Approval: None. Gary made a motion and Carol C. seconded it to accept the minutes. Motion passed.
4. Treasurer’s Report-Kathy: Kathy went over the financial statement for August. Hal made a motion and Maureen seconded it to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.
5. Correspondence: Kathy passed around the September newsletter of the Plymouth Community Senior Connection. Maggie read a donation request from Feeding of America from West MI. No action was taken.
6. Administration-Barb Mleczek:
   1. September Social Meeting Wednesday September 14th at the Plymouth Historical Meeting-6PM: Cost is $15 payable at the door or prior. That includes tour of museum, pizza, and salad. Must BYO drink. New officers will be installed. Signup sheet was passed around.
   2. October Business Meeting Thursday October 6th: Salvation Army at 6:30 PM.
   3. Social Meeting October 20th: Matinee to see “Pickleball” at the Purple Rose Theater at 3PM. Cost is $36 payable to Jacquie by the next meeting on September 14th. Lunch prior to or afterward on your own. Signup sheet was passed around.
   4. North Central District Conference-August 26th-28th Update: Cheryl stated the club received 2020-2021 awards for Outstanding Community Service Project (Operation Good Cheer) and Outstanding Youth (Essay Contest). The club also received an award from Civitan’s at the Helm at the Navigator Award. Maggie stated that Cheryl received a CI Fellow award, a very high honor. Maggie stated that Patti Belote the Region VI District Director is focused on moving forward with the Civitan values and will be a strong and vocal director/advocate for the members and clubs. Cheryl spoke about the collection of items for the Kensington Valley Civitan Club (KVCC) Desert Angel project. Three cars were loaded with the items collected at the convention, along with checks and money donations to help go towards postage of the boxes. She also spoke that with the dissolving of the North Central District, Camp Civitan needs to be sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Club. Camp Civitan has its own checking account with over $20,000, is self-sufficient and independent. However, it does need the use of the club’s federal id number. Theresa stated that the North Central District executive board (of which she is a member) discussed at the spring and current conventions that Camp Civitan would move to Plymouth-Canton and YLDC would move to the Wayne Clubs. However, the North Central District Governor was unable to reach out to the clubs and have this discussion. Theresa made a motion and Carol C. seconded it, that Camp Civitan come under the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club leadership. Motion passed.
   5. Pop-Up Canopy-Hal: Pictures of the tent were shown to members that Hal and Cheryl picked up this past Tuesday. The Plymouth-Canton board members previously made the decision to purchase the tent for around $2,100. This included the club’s new tablecloth and new bag for the club’s other tent. Hal explained the many features of the new tent.
   6. Christmas Party-Carol C.: Carol discussed as the club’s members are aging, her home with the different levels/stairs is no longer viable to host the Christmas party. She wants to move it to the Kings Mill Club House which is on one level and will cost about $200 for rental . Members were in agreement with this. Carol S. stated most Saturdays are already reserved in December. She’ll check to see if Fridays are available for the 2nd, 9th, and 16th. She’ll also check to see if Saturday the 17th is available. Maggie indicated that Maria Swanson is going to join the club (awaiting her application) who loves to entertain and has a ranch home might be willing to host the party as a backup plan.
   7. Civitans at the Helm-Kathy: Kathy indicated that the club only needs to donate $210 (Captain) or $675 (Commodore) to reach the next level. Currently at the Navigator level. All money goes to the Civitan International Research Center (CIRC). Gary made a motion and Diana seconded it, to donate $675 out of the MP account to Civitans at the Helm. Motion passed.
7. Funds-Carol Swan:
   1. Lottery Tickets-Carol S.: Starts tonight.
   2. Charity Poker October 13th-16th-Carol S.: Signup sheet passed around.
   3. Fruit Cakes-Kathy: The order will be sent in on October 1st.
   4. Fall Festival September 9th-11th-Cheryl: Set up will be done on Thursday September 8th at 3 PM. Signup sheets were passed around for the photo booth and sno-cone vendor. Sno-cone just requires keeping the area clean. Also, the club will help with the Miracle League’s booth on Sat as they have games that day. Their booth will be next to the club’s booth.
8. Service-Gary Turnquist:
   1. Focus Hope-Gary: October 8th, meet at the Costco Parking lot to leave at 8:30 AM for Focus Hope.
   2. Girl Scouts-Gary: Call needs to be made to president of the Girls Scouts to see if she can speak at the November dinner meeting.
   3. Miracle League Saturday September 24th 11:45 AM-1:15 PM: Signup sheet was passed around.
   4. Pumpkin Palooza: No date yet.
   5. Plymouth Scarecrow Setup Friday September 23rd-Kathy: Kathy will pickup the Scarecrow form from Cheryl.
   6. Adopt a Family from Afghanistan-Kathy: Someone from the agency will speak at the January 19th, 2023 dinner meeting.
   7. KVCC/Desert Angels Collection-Cheryl & Theresa: Donations snacks and personal hygiene items can still be made. Contact Cheryl or Theresa for pickup or drop off.
   8. Down Syndrome Walk-Carol S: To be held on Sunday October 9th from Noon-5 PM to handle the Tee shirt sales and registration. At least four volunteers are needed. To be held in a park in Lathrup Village.
   9. Ford Rd. Cleanup Carol C.: Wednesday September 28th at 9 AM in the parking lot of Office Max/French Toast.
   10. Operation Good Cheer-Cheryl: Received the letter from the agency concerning the foster kids. Let her know if you or friends want to participate within the week.
   11. KVCC/Pumpkinfest-Stuffed Animals Request-Cheryl: Hal explained that the service organizations/charities run a game at their booth (KVCC has the duck pond game) and the kids win prizes. Stuff animals are in demand for 1st prize winners. All kids that play the game receive a prize to choose from.
   12. St. John Neuman Halloween Party-Gary: No date yet. Sometime in October.
9. Club welcomed back Dianne Griswold as a member!
10. Adjournment: Gary made a motion and Carol C. seconded it to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully taken by Theresa Furget on 09/01/22 and submitted on Sept 2nd, 2022.