Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Business Meeting Minutes

October 6th, 2022

Present: Cheryl VanVliet, Kathy & Gary Turnquist, Maggie & Norm Hamada, Mary Stewart, Carol Chanter, Carol Swan, Gail Blucher, Maria Swanson, Jacquie Norton, Diana Mecklenburg, Lyn McIntyre, Maureen Posler, and Theresa Furget.

1. Meeting called to order by Maggie at 6:31 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Gary led the members in the recitation.
3. Additions & Corrections to 09/01/22 Minutes/Approval: None. Gary made a motion and Jacquie seconded it to approve the minutes. Motion passed.
4. Treasurer’s Report-Kathy: Kathy went over the September financial report and presented the end of year statement too. Gary made a motion and Mary seconded it to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion passed.
5. Correspondence: Maggie read a thank you card from the Plymouth Community Council on Aging for the club’s help in the annual picnic for the seniors. She also read a thank you card from the KVCC for the donation of items and money towards the Desert Angels collections.
6. Administration:
   1. October 20th Social Meeting-Purple Rose “Pickleball” matinee at 3 PM. Dinner to follow at Common Ground or Metzger’s. Jacquie handed out the tickets and stated she has one ticket left to sell.
   2. Christmas Party-Carol C.: This will be held on 12/03/22 at the Kings Mill club house starting at 5:30 PM. It will cost $200 rental fee. Gary made a motion and Jacquie seconded it to budget $500 for the rental and cost of the main entrées. There’ll be a sign-up sheet at the November business meeting for members to indicate the side dish that they’re bringing. Also, there’ll be a gift exchange, spend about $25.
   3. November 17th, Dinner Meeting: Will be held at E. G. Nicks at 6 PM. Speaker will be from the Girl Scouts.
7. Funds:
   1. Charity Poker-Mary: Starts on October 13th , with Thurs and Fri starting at 9:45 AM to 6 PM, Sat and Sun from 6:30 PM to 2 AM. Gary will post the signup sheet on the club’s website.
   2. Fruit Cakes-Kathy: Order is being put in this week.
   3. Fall Festival: Club made a nice profit from the photo booth and sno-cone.
   4. Dixboro Store November 18th-20th-Carol S.: This is a fundraiser for the club, in which 15% of the profits will be given to the club based upon the coupons used that weekend. Cheryl will include the coupon with the October newsletter. Coupon must be used at the time of purchase and on the November 18th-20th weekend.
8. Service:
   1. Focus Hope Sat., October 8th-Gary: Meet at the Costco parking lot (I-96 & Middle Belt Rd.) to caravan down to Focus Hope at 8:30 AM. Afterwards, lunch at Polonia’s and a visit to the New Palace Bakery.
   2. Girls Scouts-Kathy: Will have a speaker at the November 17th dinner meeting. Discussion was about presenting a check to the speaker to cover initial expenses for underprivilege girls to join. In the past the club has sponsored 10 individuals. Cheryl made a motion and Theresa seconded it to sponsor 10 girls ($13.50 per girl) for a total of $1,350. Motion passed.
   3. Miracle League-Mary: Mary gave a recap and indicated the club handed out goody bags (with Civitan info) to the participants.
   4. MI Raffle/Lottery Tickets-Carol S.: Club sold 200 tickets with six winners: Gary, Norm, Maureen (her son), Claudia, and Mary (her son’s girlfriend). Cheryl stated Camp Civitan received $2,697 from this fundraiser.
   5. Pumpkin Palooza-October 23rd /Scarecrow-Kathy: Kathy passed around pictures of the club’s scarecrow that’s in Kellogg Park. She bought 2,700 bags of Welches fruit snacks for Pumpkin Palooza. Candy will be handed out from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Come dressed in a costume.
   6. Adopt a Family from Afghanistan: There will be a speaker from the Smaritas Group at the January dinner meeting.
   7. Ford Rd. Cleanup-Gary: Done for the year.
   8. Operation Good Cheer-Cheryl: She has 124 kids and is just waiting for the packets to arrive. Gifts must be turned into her by November 28th and truck pickup will be on December 2nd.
   9. Pumpkinfest/KVCC Report-Theresa: Theresa thanked the group for the donation of stuffed animals. There were over 1,300 participants/kids that played the duck pond game. Start saving for next years as stuffed animal prizes are the highlight of Pumpkinfest.
   10. St. John Neuman Halloween Party October 28th-Gary: This will start at 5:30 PM (set up) till 9 PM. Last years backdrop worked great, need to search for it, to use again this year for photos. Come in costume. The church is located at 44800 Warren Rd. between Sheldon and Canton Center Rds.
   11. Cooke School-Maggie: She’s been in contact with the school concerning adopting families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Teachers are being surveyed concerning families in need. There’s also discussion of how to get the packages to the families, instead of using the school buses. Discussion was held concerning the price for gift cards from Kroger for the families to get their turkey’s. Mary made a motion and Carol C. seconded it that $100 gift card from Kroger’s be given to the two Thanksgiving families, for a total of $200 from the MP account. Motion passed. Gary then made a motion and Carol C. seconded it that the previous motion be amended to include that $100 food gift cards be given to the two Thanksgiving families and the two Christmas families for a total of $400 from the MP account. Motion passed. Then Maggie had members revote on the first motion, and it passed. Members will collect nonperishable food and personal hygiene items for the families. These can be turned in at the November 3rd and 17th meetings. Check the dates on all items and do not include any expired items. Carol C. will coordinate the collection.
   12. MI Work Matters-Anastasia’s and Katies Coffee Café-Mary: Mary stated that the Café was part of the Tour De Livonia that was recently held. The Café desperately needs new board members and worker bee’s/shift supervisors. Worker bees are paid positions that would work two days per week. The Café is closed on Sunday’s and Mondays. Store hours are 6:30 AM to 3 PM. Let Mary know if you’re interested in serving on the board or serving as a worker bee.
   13. Down Syndrome Guild-Mary: The walk was cancelled as there was a glitch in their website and not enough people had registered to participate. The Guild is now promoting a Friendsgiving event. They want the club to post this info on their Facebook page. This will be held on November 19th at the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church (located at 1100 Lone Pine Rd, corner of Telegraph and Lone Pine) from 4-8 PM. There’ll be all sorts of events to participate in.
   14. Salvation Army Bell Ringing-Gary: This will be held on Saturday November 26th at the Kroger’s located at Five Mile and Haggerty Rds. Signup sheet to follow.
   15. MI Civitan Foundation-Mary: A meeting will be held on October 15th from 10-11:30 AM. Looking for club members to attend. This meeting conflicts with the Charity Poker event. Mary will attend. Contact Al Forester if interested in attending.
   16. Plymouth-Canton Schools-Jacquie: Jacquie indicated that a high school teacher Janet sent a letter asking for the club’s support about the debate/public speaking course being dropped as a requirement for graduation. Unfortunately, the letter was sent to the Salvation Army’s address, which was just received at tonight’s meeting and the deadline (October 1st) has passed. Jacquie will contact Janet for further info.
   17. Desert Angels-Theresa: Theresa indicated that KVCC will be holding a packing party on Wednesday November 16th at the Lyon Twp. Municipal Center located at 58000 Grand River. This will start at 6 PM and pizza will probably be provided. Details are still being worked out.
9. Adjournment: Gary made a motion at 7:47 PM and Carol C. seconded it to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.
10. Minutes respectfully taken by Theresa Furget on 10/06/22 and submitted on 10/07/22.