**Plymouth Canton Civitan Club**

Business Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2019

Members present: Mary Stewart, Happy Westmeier, Sandy Drauss, Diana Stimac, Gary Turnquist, Jacquie Norton, Gail Blucher, Carol Swan, Kathy Turnquist and guest: Madi Mena

Meeting was called to order by Mary Stewart at 6:30 pm.

1) Additions & Corrections: None

2) Correspondence:

a) Received invitation from Plymouth Historical Museum to “A Gala Affair to Remember” on Saturday March 9th from 6-9pm at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center in Livonia. This is a dinner/auction fundraiser, cost $75.00 per person.

b) Received the Senior Connections newsletter from the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

c) Received a “Hearts for Hygiene” flyer from the Plymouth United Way. They are collecting hygiene items for homeless students & others in the community from Feb. 1st-28th. Looking for full size soap, shampoo, lotion, feminine products, deodorant, wet wipes, toothbrush, toothpaste. Motion by Carol S., seconded by Jacquie Norton to donate $100.00 to purchase items needed. Motion carried and Kathy volunteered to shop and find out about additional needs throughout the year.

d) Received a letter of resignation from Diana MacDonald. She has had a hard year and is sad to leave us. She also hopes to return to our Civitan club in the future.

3) Minutes from January 3, 2019: Gary made a motion to accept minutes. Seconded by Diana Stimac. Motion carried.

4) Treasurers report: Kathy reported we have $28,784.92 in our general account and $794.49 in the Candy Box account.

5) Administration: Jacquie

a) Dinner meeting, February 21st, 6:00pm at Archies Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Our speaker will be Jennifer Gerard from the Block.

b)Membership: We have 37 members.

c) Health report: Bob Anderson is in therapy for his ankle. Holly Evans has started weekly infusion treatments trying to avoid going on kidney dialysis.

d) Slate of Officers: Nominations were read: (*President, Mary Stewart*)-(*President Elect, open position*)-(*VP Administration, Jacquie Norton)*-(*VP Funds, Sandy Drauss*)-(*VP Service, Gary Turnquist*)-(*Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Turnquist*)

e) Michigan Area Meeting will be on April 6th at 9:30am at the Hope Center on Baker St. In Adrian.

f) Civitan International Convention will be July 3rd - July 6th. Information is online, register early and save money!

g) Youth Leadership and Diversity Conference will be held July 8th – 13th. Ron Kulas is asking us to reach out to other districts and groups such as the Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary and JC’s to help find more delegates and more sponsors. This is an exceptional program for our youth entering 10th,11th or 12th grade this fall. Visit civitanyldc.org for more information.

h) North Central District Convention will be Sept. 20th - Sept. 22nd at the Best Western Plus Hotel in LaPorta, IN.

I) Showcase & Taste of Plymouth is on April 15th from 5-7:30pm at the Inn at St. John’s. Come support our volunteer of the year and enjoy the Taste!

j) Carol S. made a motion and Gail seconded it to donate $200.00 to a scholarship fund in Teresa Lousias name to provide prize money to photographers participating in the Dearborn Community Arts Councils annual photography show. Motion passed. The club also decided to have a memorial for Doug Buchanan at our June dinner meeting.

k) Plymouth Seniors: Motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Sandy to donate $200.00 to the Plymouth Council on Aging to pay for entertainment for the Plymouth Seniors. Motion passed.

6) Funds: Sandy

a) Candy Box account has $794.49. If you think you may be able to place a candy box let Kathy know.

b) Charity Poker: Motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Carol S. To transfer $1,800.00 into the Charity Poker account to pay for start-up needs ($750.00 for state license, $800.00 cash start-up money needed for first event, checks, etc). Motion passed. Money raised from these events can only be spent on Special Needs projects.

c) Fruitcake is almost gone, were down to 6 lbs. We have made $2,521.14 so far!

d) Lottery Tickets: We are still waiting for word on when lottery tickets may be available.

e) Special Olympics Power Lifting will be on April 27th at Northville High School. We will be running concessions again, come see our olympians!.

7) Service: Gary

a) Special Olympics Bowling starts Feb. 12th at 4pm at Plaza Lanes**.** We expect to have 96-104 kids. Photos will be on March 5th and 12th .

b) Focus Hope Box Build is on April 13th, we will meet at 9am at the Costco on Middlebelt Rd. & 96. We will caravan to Focus Hope. After building boxes we will head to Palonia for lunch and then walk over to the bakery.

c) Essay Contest winners will be at our April 18th dinner held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. We will have baked chicken, pork chops, mostaccioli, scalloped potatoes, green beans almandine, tossed salad, broccoli-cauliflower salad and homemade desert. Cost will likely be $20.00 again.

d) Down Syndrome Guild Buddy Walk will be on Sept. 21st at the Detroit Zoo. This will occur again at the same time as the n/c district convention so we will need all members who will not be going to the conference to help at the zoo if they can. Please let Mary know if you can volunteer.

8) New Business: We have a new opportunity to get involved with a new nonprofit, Mi WorkMatters. Their mission is to create meaningful employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities across Michigan. They are holding a fundraiser on Saturday March 2nd at the UAW Local 182 Hall, 35603 Plymouth Rd, Livonia. They are hoping to raise $60,000.00 to help get their new coffee shop, “Anastasia & Katies Coffee Shop & Café” up and running. The café will be a busy exciting hub for supportive, inclusive, competitive employment for people of all abilities. They need help in the kitchen, selling 50/50’s, kids area, craft table etc. Please let Mary know if you can help, 1 person is needed from 2:30-6:30pm and 1 person from 5:00-8:30pm.

9) Adjournment: Motion was made by Gary and seconded by Diana S. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Swan