**Plymouth Canton Civitan Club**

Business Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2019

Members present: Barb Mleczek, Mary Stewart, Happy Westmeier, Diana Stimac, Gary Turnquist, Jacquie Norton, Gail Blucher, Carol Swan, Kathy Turnquist, Al Prendergast, Bonnie Prendergast, Bill McCarville, Susan Norfleet, Carol Chanter and Fred Eagle.

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

1) Additions & Corrections: Gary added to Service, H. Plymouth Planter. Kathy added to New Business, A. Canton Therapeutic Recreation Center.

2) Correspondence:

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

3) Minutes from February 2, 2019: Gary made a motion to accept minutes. Seconded by Fred. Motion carried.

4) Treasurers report: Kathy reported we have $25,503.33 in our general account, $792.64 in the Candy Box account and $1805.00 in our new MP account. Gary made a motion to accept treasurers report, Bonnie seconded it and the motion passed.

5) Administration: Jacquie

a) Dinner meeting, March 21st, 6:00pm at Archies Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Our speaker will be Kelly Hermann from Miracle League.

b)Membership: We have 37 members. Barb reported to think about why you joined and share that with others.

c) Health report: Vivian is in the hospital for tests, Bob is still in Florida recovering from surgery.

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 – 1:00pm at the Hope Center on Baker Street in Adrian.

f) Civitan International Convention will be July 3rd - July 6th in South Carolina this year. Information is online.

g) Youth Leadership and Diversity Conference will be held July 8th – 13th. 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 Diana Stimac, our volunteer of the year and enjoy the Taste!

k) Fourth of July Parade: Anyone interested in helping our club become more known, please join us for a meeting on March 22nd at 12:00 at Grand Traverse Pie to discuss possibilities.

6) Funds: Sandy

a) Candy Box account has $792.64. This month was slow, if you think you may be able to place a candy box let Kathy know.

b) Charity Poker: A sign up list was passed around, if you did not sign up and may be able to help at one of our fundraiser dates please call Sandy. You must be a Civitan member to volunteer.

c) Fruitcake is almost gone, were down to 5 lbs. Gary to contact John from Kroger to insure continuing support. We have made $2,521.14 so far!

d) Lottery Tickets: Lottery tickets are in! Cheryl has tickets.

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 continues at Plaza Lanes**.** Sale of photos is down, many bowlers made donations instead of taking pictures. We will take photos again on March 12th .

b) Focus Hope Box Build is on April 13th, arrive at 8:45, leave at 9am from 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. Judging will take place in a couple of weeks. Everything is all set.

d) MI Work Matters: At the February’s dinner meeting a motion passed to donate $200.00 for Anastasia & Katies Coffee Shop & Café. Al & Bonnie presented the check at the fundraiser. Our club received a big thank you for all of our help, they raised over $5,000.00! Thank you Carol S., Gail, Happy, Bill, Barb, Sandy, Al, & Bonnie for volunteering.

e) Camp Civitan will be June 6th – 9th and the theme this year will be the Olympics.

f) MS Walk, Hudson Mills may have moved, we have not heard from them as of yet, Gary will follow up.

g) Ford Road Clean-up: Should be in April, we have not received information on dates as of yet.

h) Plymouth Planter Winter: Gary & Kathy were unable to get all of our decorations on the requested date due to the frozen ground and when they returned a lot of our decorations were gone. Next year we would like to plan a budget for this.

8) New Business:

a) Canton Therapeutic Recreation Center – Camp Able: We had two speakers from the Center at our February meeting. Kathy advised us of previous donations our club has made to the Canton Center. A motion was made by Carol S. and seconded by Al to donate $500.00 to the Canton Therapeutic Recreation Center.

b) United Way: Gary stated that we donated $100.00 last month to united way and suggested that there may be other ways we can help. Kathy is meeting with the organization in a few months and will inquire.

c) Plymouth Chamber Scholarship: The chamber has a scholarship that is given strictly for students who volunteer. It is not grades based. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Jacquie to donate $100.00 to the Plymouth Chamber. Motion passed.

9) Adjournment: Motion was made by Gary and seconded by Al. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Swan