**Plymouth Canton Civitan Club**

Business Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2019

Members present: Fred Eagle, Mary Stewart, Happy Westmeier, Diana Stimac, Gary Turnquist, Jacquie Norton, Gail Blucher, Carol Swan, Kathy Turnquist, Al Prendergast, Bonnie Prendergast, Cheryl VanVliet, Barb Mleczek, Sandy Drauss, Norm & Maggie Hamada.

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

1) Additions & Corrections: None.

2) Correspondence:

We received thank you cards from Michigan Work Matters and Cheryl VanVliet. We also received the Senior Connections newsletter.

3) Minutes from April 4, 2019: Gary made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Diana. Motion carried.

4) Treasurers report: Kathy reported we have $22,158.21 in our general account, $857.24 in the Candy Box account and $1,640.64 in the MP account. Gary made a motion to accept treasurer’s report, Al seconded and the motion passed.

5) Administration: Jacquie

a) Dinner meeting, May 16th at the Mexican Fiesta, 44401 Ford Rd, Canton.

b) Membership: We have 37 members. Diana MacDonald transferred her membership and Bob Anderson resigned due to health reasons. We gained two new members Norm & Maggie Hamada.

c) Health report: Vivian and Maureen are both doing better and Cheryl continues to amaze us all.

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*), Cheryl made a motion that we accept this slate of officers, Maggie seconded, motion passed.

e) Michigan Area Meeting on April 6th.  We were told that clubs can no longer use the old Civitan Logo’s. Gary was very surprised when he was the recipient of a Michigan Civitan Foundation Fellowship Fellow for 2019, given by his wife Kathy. President/President Elect and treasurer training is now a yearly requirement regardless of past training. The Kensington club is going to get an award for Civitan Awareness!

f) Civitan International Convention will be July 3rd - July 6th in Greenville, 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. We currently have only three delegates going from our club. If you know of a high school student who would be interested in this fantastic program have them go to on civitanyldc.org for more information. Cost is $350, but we pay half, check it out and contact Kathy if you know of a delegate that would like to go. It is coming soon so look around delegate can be in any school district, not just Plymouth Canton area.

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 was on April 15th at the Inn at St. John’s. Diana Stimac, was our 2019 volunteer of the year.

J) Fourth of July Parade: Cheryl and Hal still have prior signs and banner. Kathy and Mary will fill out the paper work and turn it in. Mary has secured a golf cart for our use.

6) Funds: Sandy

a) Candy Box account has $857.24. We need to place more boxes!

b) Charity Poker: May 20-22nd. We will be at the Westland Municipal Golf Course, 500 S. Merriman Rd. Westland, Mi 48186 from 10am to 6pm. Contact Sandy to sign up for a shift of two to four hours, we have to have at least three volunteers at each shift or the game will be cancelled.

c) Lottery Tickets: All of our clubs 200 lottery tickets have been sold.

d) Special Olympics Power Lifting was on April 27th at Northville High School. Thank you to our volunteers at the concession booth, Fred, Happy, John, Gary, Kathy, Barb and Bonnie. Special thanks to Barb and Kathy for doing the shopping and Bonnie for all the chopped onions.

e) Michigan Challenge (Howell Balloonfest) takes place June 28,29 & 30th. We currently have twelve volunteer forms turned in, the sooner we get them in the better chance to get your time slot. More forms will be available at dinner or you can find them online. Turn them in to Sandy at the dinner meeting and we will fax them all in together.

f) Flag Day is June 15th from 9am to 5pm. We will be at the Kroger’s store at Sheldon & Ann Arbor Rd. Sign up is in June.

g) Fall Festival will be Sept. 6th, 7th, and 8th at Stellas. Kathy is working hard to keep things on track.

7) Service: Gary

a) Special Olympics Bowling is over for 2019. We had a successful year, took photos, sold a lot of lottery tickets and made a lot of people happy.

b) Focus Hope Box Build was on April 13th.  Thank you to all twenty seven Civitans and friends who were able to help build 1100 food boxes in two hours. Afterwords we had lunch at Palonia, then walked over to the bakery to top off the morning.

c) Essay Contest winners were at our April 18th dinner held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. We heard from three outstanding Essay contest winner’s . They were phenomenal and so nice!

d) Camp Civitan will be June 6th – 9th the theme this year will be the Olympics. We will have 45 campers coming this year. Kathy did the shopping for $150 in new Bingo prizes. We still have lots of stuffed animals and are in need of male volunteers.

e) MS Walk will be in Dexter on Saturday, May 4th at Monument Park on Ann Arbor Street in Dexter from 8am to 1pm.

f) Ford Road Clean-up was Wednesday, April 17th. Thank you to Barb, Diana, Happy, Mary, Gary and Kathy.

g) Salvation Army Food Drive: Thank you to Carol S., Kaye, Gail, Gary & Kathy for folding bags. Help is still needed for sorting on May 13 from 1-4pm, May 14 & 15 from 9am – Noon & 1 – 4pm and May 16 from 9am – Noon. Salvation Army is also in need of one person to work in the office on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 8:30am to Noon.

h) Plymouth Planter is scheduled for May 18th. New scrubs in the planter look great. Carol C. will buy our flowers. Members can meet at 8am to plant.

i) Miracle League: We will again attempt to be buddies at the baseball field on May 18th. The game is 9:45 – 11:30am.

j) United Way: Kathy and Gary attended a meeting with various organizations to discuss ways to help the homeless, the next meeting will be 9-17-2019. We should be in the email system now to receive notifications of future needs as they arise.

8) New Business:

The Ron family is still struggling. Ron works part time, the father is on medical and the mother is in a home. Kathy made a motion, seconded by Cheryl and passed to purchase a $25.00 gift card for gas and a $25.00 gift card to Subway. We discussed if charity poker funds could be spent on this. The rules state “money raised from these events can only be spent on the lawful purposes of our club”

9) Adjournment: Motion was made by Gary and the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Swan