

INTERCLUB COUNCIL, ROYAL OAK MI

Minutes of Meeting, Royal Oak School Administration Building

September 8, 2023

Present: Amy Murphy, Kim Johnson, Barbara Wheeler, Ted Vickers, Mitzi Hoffman, Barb Bolton, Marilyn Lee, Mary Beth Fitzpatrick, Betty Ann Garlok, Terry Poduska, Cynthia DeMan, Heidi Strand, Shaela Griffin, Tricia Hanzik, Aleandra Keringan, Shelley Lake

BUSINESS: Remember to send your fundraiser or event flyers to royaloakicc@gmail.com for publication.

Directory changes can be made and a directory will be available on line in the near future.

Two open board positions: 1 Member at Large and a Vice President

The October 13, 2023 meeting will be at the Senior Center in their conference center starting at 10:00 a.m.

Presentation of Organization Activities (Not in order of presentation)

Royal Oak Schools Foundation, Betty Ann Garlok: The Golf Outing in June 2023 was successful. Their current focus is on trauma training, and they are working towards training administrators, teachers, and students on the subject.

Royal Oak Schools, Amy Murphy & Mary Beth Fitzpatrick: An Upton teacher was a big winner recently and she donated her \$5,000 win to the Upton Elementary. A huge thank you was given to all members of the Interclub Council for all the work done on behalf of students in the school system. A new app is available for parents and students which will easily show schedules of activities.

RO Nature Society, Ted Vickers: They will be planting 100 trees as a result of their recent grant from Fred A. Erb which will be part of the Arboretum. As fall approaches, color walks will be held. There is also an upcoming mushroom walk on 9/23/23 at 10:00 a.m. No registration needed. Just see their website for more details.

Royal Oak Rotary, Barbara Wheeler: Distributed their speaker schedule for 2023. Meetings are held bi-monthly at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 529 Hendrie Blvd, RO 48067 at noon. Their annual fundraiser will be held at Club Venetian on 4/20/24. The Club is seeking donations for their silent and live auctions.

Blessings In A Backpack, Shelley Lake: August was a busy month and was perfect for getting more name recognition. A food drive was done at a Troy Chamber event and participation on the Back to School Day at the Royal Oak Schools. Looking forward to packing that starts on September 13, 2023, and a Women's Club food drive on 9/30/2023. We welcome volunteers to assist in packing. We pack every Wednesday during the school season at 3:00 p.m. at 800 DeVillen, RO 48073, Door #10.

Women's Club, Terry Poduska & Cynthia DeMan: The Women's Club is the oldest woman's organization in Royal Oak. They are part of the General Federation of Women's Club which is a National Organization. As part of this organization, all clubs in the U.S. will be doing outreach programs highlighting hunger. Their day of service will be September 30, 2023, where they'll do a food drive for Blessings In A Backpack. Their Rummage Sale is being held tomorrow. It is their largest fundraiser. The next general meeting is 9/12/2023 at the Club House.

Teen Clean Closet, Kim Jonson: They currently manage 5 Closets and are working to establish another at the Senior Center. All closets are different. A donation-based organization; donations of personal care items are certainly welcomed. A November trivia fundraiser event is being planned by the Optimist Club on their behalf.

Friends of the Royal Oak Library, Mitzi Hoffman: Their mission is to support the library financially by providing books to sell and educational activities. There are still T-Shirts available at \$15 and new T-Shirts featuring the Banned Books will be available soon. Their recent book sale contributed \$700 in sales. A Teacher Appreciation Event will be held on 9/12/2023. This event will allow teachers to fill a bag with books that they can take back to their classrooms. All teachers are welcome. Their annual meeting will be held on 9/18/23 from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Another books sale is upcoming on 10/21 & 10/22/23. Remember the library is open 7 days a week!

Royal Oak Garden Club, Barbara Bolton: The Club maintains several gardens in Royal Oak. Their mission is to educate the community, especially about the sustainability of native plants. They hope to be able to offer vegetable gardening in the future. On 9/23/23 there is a Perineal Exchange will be held at the Senior Center from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Royal Oak Musicales, Marilyn Lee: On 9/18/2023 a concert will take place featuring a flute, a piano, drums and a bass. Their NEW LOCATION is at the 1st Congregational Church, 1314 Northwood Blvd, RO 48073. They are also proud to have distributed \$10,000 in scholarships this year.

South Oakland Family YMCA, Tricia Hanzik: Camp has concluded. and they had a successful Back to School event on the same day that camp ended. New classes are available such as watercolors, ceramics. and a tiny chef program. Pickleball courts outside and inside are available. Halloween at the Y will be held on 10/27/2023. Because of successful fundraiser, their “Live Strong at the Y” Program will be again starting.

Welcome Inn, Shaela Griffin: They work with 10 congregations to provide overnight accommodations for their guests. The Inn runs a winter and summer program. On 10/5/23 their fundraiser will be at the Comedy Castle. Donations of lunches are always welcome. Please see their website under Volunteer Opportunities for more details.

Salvation Army, Heidi Strand: Their day camp was a success and has now concluded. Pasties will be available from October 10-20, 2023. Online ordering available. Pies will also be sold prior to Thanksgiving. Their 100th Anniversary will be held from November 3-4, 2023. The annual toy drive will again be a drive through held on December 7, 2023, from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. Angel trees are currently available. They are in dire need of a Bus Driver. As CDL requirements have changed, it has been difficult to hire a driver. An active women’s auxiliary helps them provide scholarships to camp and other needs of the community.

Royal Oak Historical Commission, Alexandra Kerrigan: They operate the Orson Starr House on 13 Mile Rd. It is open the second Sunday of every month from 1-4:00 p.m. The house now has wi-fi which will be welcomed. The House hosts paranormal events throughout the year. See their website for current updates. Yearly they also host a Civil War Reenactment.

Addendum:

City of Royal Oak & Royal Oak Civic Foundation: Calling All Nonprofits! Starting September 6 through October 6, the City of Royal Oak is accepting grant applications for the new Royal Oak Community Opportunity Fund. Funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Royal Oak City Commission allocated \$300,000 to fund this local nonprofit services grant program. Grant awards between \$25,000 and \$50,000 will assist nonprofits who provide community programming with their recovery efforts from the negative impacts caused by the pandemic. Click [here](#) to learn more about the grant program and eligibility requirements.

Please check out the Inter-Club Council's [event page](#) for information about Inter-Club member's upcoming events.

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