

INTERCLUB COUNCIL ON ZOOM, ROYAL OAK MI

11/10/2023

Note: These minutes were delayed due to time sensitive information being shared.

Present: Ted Vickers, Barb Bolton, Kim Johnson, Brittney Lyons, Shaela Griffin, Barbara Wheeler, Barb Bolton, Kathy Putnam, Marilyn Lee, Amy Murphy, Betty Ann Garlak, Cynthia DeMan, Shelley Lake

Council Notes

In January 2023, there will be a meeting between the ICC and In Chamber of Commerce of Royal Oak to determine if there are similar interests the groups can share.

The question of potential Zoom meetings in the winter months was discussed. More information will follow.

Don't forget the Day of Giving on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

Don't forget to send you fundraiser flyers to Ted Vickers. The file format must be in either PDF or JPEG for easy publication. The e-mail address is: royaloakicc@gmail.com

Presentation of Organization Activities

RO Nature Society, Ted Vickers: Recently, the High School X-Country Team used Tenhave Woods for running. Geology Walks start on Sunday 11/12/2023. Another program called Mammals of Tenhave is upcoming. For more details, see their website for all activities.

Blessings In A Backpack, Shelley Lake: The program was gifted 32 bins of 18 packed bags each from the company, Ascend Performance Materials in Royal Oak this month. The program also received a \$5,000 gift from Meijer Woodward Corners for which we are grateful. We continue to pack for 150+ students on a weekly basis.

Teen Clean Closet, Kim Johnson: There has been a 22% increase in need for items supplied by the Closet and a 40% decrease in donations. On 11/4/2023 the Royal Oak Optimist Club hosted Trivia night to benefit Teen Clean Closet. One trivia question yielded \$800 in donations to the Closet and donations brought to trivia night totaled \$1,000. During the ICC meeting, Kim received a text from the Community Opportunity Grants fund that they would be a recipient of a \$10,000 grant. Kim was asked to keep this information quiet until it was announced by the Royal Oak City Commission (thus the delay in sending the minutes). On January 24, 2024 they will be meeting with Planet Fitness and on February 24, 2024, the Lions Club is planning an event.

Welcome Inn & Citizens for the Homeless, Shaela Griffin: At the Starr Presbyterian Church the winter program starts on December 4, 2023. There is room for 20-40 guests at the program. Guests will have clothes closet access, a counselor and a warm meal and showers. November is Homeless Awareness Month. A Thanksgiving meal will be served on November 21, 2023. For volunteer opportunities, go to: www.sochwi.org

YMCA, Brittney Lyons: As part of their Healthy Living program, there will be 425 Thanksgiving baskets provided on 11/18/2023. On December 11, 2023, Pancakes with Santa will be held. A \$5 donation will be accepted and there will be arts and crafts and a visit with Santa. The time is 11:30-2:30.

Royal Oak Salvation Army, Announcement by Kim Johnson: The annual Toy Drive will be held on 12/7/2023. Bring items to the Church between 11:00 – 1:00 and drop them off in front of the Church. Bell ringers are always needed and your group can sign up to ring the bells by going to: registertoring.com to sign up.

Royal Oak Schools, Amy Murphy: The strategic plan is completed!! In January 2024, Soup with the Super will be brought back as it was very popular. A new DEI coordinator, Ashley Phillips, has been named. The Middle School was recognized for their wellness events by the Michigan School Counselors Association and won an award. On November 21, 2023 a Turkey Stroll will be held and they are collecting deserts and need 10 Holiday pies for the event.

Royal Oak Rotary, Barbara Wheeler: A list of speakers for this year and next year was distributed. Their auction is set for 4/20/2024 at Club Venetian and they are collecting donations for the silent and live auctions. On April 1, 2024, the Club will be celebrating its' 100th year.

Starr House, Cathy Putnam: Their Christmas Open house will be on December 10, 2023 from 1-4 p.m. Come see Santa Claus, hear period music and see the house decorated for the 1800's season. Para-normal tours continue.

Royal Oak Garden Club, Barb Bolton: A Winter Silent Auction will be held at the Senior Center from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on December 11, 2023. Auction items will include crafts, creations and baked goods. There are monthly meetings held on the 1st Monday of each month.

Royal Oak Musicale, Marilyn Lee: A Holiday Concert featuring Songs of the Season will be held on December 19, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church. No admission is charged but donations are appreciated.

Royal Oak Schools Foundation, Betty Ann Garlak: Their November 7, 2023 meeting "Beyond the Bell" was successful. Grant money is being used for after school programs. The Jedi committee on diversity, equity and inclusion will be organized by February 2024. A training for teachers on recovery after covid and PTSD and mental health is being organized. The Foundation is seeking new board members.

Royal Oak Women's Club, Cynthia DeMan: Their annual spaghetti was held a week ago Friday. Planning a fundraiser in November is on their agenda as is toy giving to the Salvation Army in December.

Presentations in no special order.

DECEMBER MEETING - SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE

12/7/2023 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m.

Shelley Lake, Secretary