

INTERCLUB COUNCIL-ROYAL OAK WOMEN'S CLUB, ROYAL OAK MI

1/12/2024

Present: Ted Vickers, Barbara Wheeler, Kim Johnson, Brittney Lyons, Kathy Putnam, Amy Murphy, Betty Ann Garlak, Cynthia DeMan, Terry Poduska, Shelley Lake

Council Notes

A discussion of meeting with the Chamber occurred. It is to be scheduled for next month I believe. Another discussion centered on members not attending meetings. Several suggestions were made to increase participation.

Barbara Wheeler, Treasurer reported our treasury balance to be \$949.54.

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: Winter tree identification walk takes place on 1/14/24. In person speakers are scheduled with the next one being on 2/8/24 at the Royal Oak Historical Society Museum. A Citizen's Scientists project pertaining to Ash Tree Saplings will take place at Tenhave on 2/11/24.

Blessings In A Backpack, Shelley Lake: A trivia fundraiser will be held on 4/12/24 at the Elks Club. Blessings was also a recipient of a \$25,000 Community Opportunity Grant for which they are grateful. The grant money will be used to purchase food for the program. They continue to pack about 159 blessings bags weekly on Wednesdays. They will be participating in the Family Opportunities Fair on 1/18/24 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is a first time event sponsored by the Royal Oak School system.

Teen Clean Closet, Kim Johnson: There are 6 closet locations. Their Community Opportunity Grant money will be used to increase the number of items in closets and increasing the frequency of item replenishment in the closets. They are expecting 5,000 pairs of Bombas socks. On 1/18/24, TCC will also be participating in the Family Opportunities Fair at the School Administration Building. A day of service celebration The Martin Luther King Day event through the schools of Royal Oak and Berkley will be held on 1/15/2024. TCC is a beneficiary of donations.

YMCA, Brittney Lyons: A break camp was held in December and was well attended during the long school winter break. They have been awarded a grant from Huron Metro Parks. This will benefit their swimming programs. Currently, the Y offers 45 classes per week with the largest class being Chair Yoga. "A call for peace, a community conversation" will be held on MLK Day 1/15/2024.

Royal Oak Schools, Amy Murphy: A busy January is in store. Celebrating a day of service on MLK Day on 1/15/2024 followed on 1/18/24 by the Family Opportunities Fair from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The fair will highlight all the services available to families through the schools. On 1/25/2024, a Free Skate will be held with rentals only \$5.00. On 1/29/24, there will be a guest speaker speaking about social media and screen time. The event will be in the Board Room at the School Administration building. Then on 1/31/2024, there will be a kindergarten event held.

Royal Oak Rotary, Barbara Wheeler: Their 40th annual fundraiser is set for 4/20/2024 at Club Venetian and they are collecting donations for the silent and live auctions. Barbara encouraged participation and tickets for the event can be found www.rotaryclubofroyaloak.maestroweb.com. The ticket price is \$80/person. On April 1, 2024, the Club will be celebrating its' 100th year.

Historical Society, Starr House, Cathy Putnam: The Christmas open house was successful. In kind donations were donated by Dynamic Flowers and Give Thanks Bakery. Preparations are already started for their civil war event and more details will be forthcoming. The para-normal evenings continue as well.

Royal Oak Schools Foundation, Betty Ann Garlak: The MLK Day of Service will be held 1/15/2023 at the Royal Oak Middle School. Donation bins have been distributed to all the schools and have been emptied several times. MLK Day will also highlight a freedom walk. A program called Jump Start which featured information on instruments, how to rent, etc. is being held. The Foundation received a grant to fund Career Education & Awareness.

Royal Oak Women's Club, Cynthia DeMan & Terry Poduska: Upcoming events include a Teen Clean Closet Drive in February, Bingo on 3/14/24 and the Spring Tea on 4/20/2024. The Women's Club was our host today and the coffee and sweets and fruit were appreciated.

Presentations in no special order.

NEXT MEETING 2/9/2024 LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

Shelley Lake, Secretary