

## INTERCLUB COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 5/10/2024

Present: A. Murphy, B. Bolton, T. Poduska, C. DeMan, M. Lee, Betty Ann Garlak, T. Hamzik, K. Johnson S. Lake, T. Vickers

The beginning of the meeting held at the Royal Oak Women's Club was a continuation of our discussion on the need to redefine our Board as several members will not be continuing their current roles. Kim Johnson explained why she is stepping down as President as did Ted Vickers as Member-at-large & Webmaster.

### SURVEY RESULTS

Amy Murphy presented the survey results. 19 responses were received of 24 surveys sent so a good percentage of responses were helpful for this survey.

Question 1 was about being an active member. 68% of the respondents answered yes with 10.5% answering no. The reasons varied between having a different meeting time, work responsibilities and the lack of time.

Question 2 was about how many meetings one attends per year. 42.1 percent responded with less than one and 26.3% responded with 8-11 meetings per year. 21.1% responded with 1-3 meetings per year and lastly at 10.5% the response was with 4-7 meetings per year. Written responses referred to liking zoom meetings or being off work on Fridays and time constraints.

Question 3 was if one was not attending, what was the reason to not be involved. Written responses suggested having quarterly or zoom meetings, and more networking.

Question 4 asked for thoughts on if the board should be redefined. 57.9% said yes and 42.1 said no.

Question 5 concerned thoughts on how the board should be redefined. Written answers included having a succession plan, having only a President, Secretary, Treasurers and 1-2 Members at Large. Other comments talked about revising job descriptions, having more fun, interactive meetings and spreading out responsibilities among members and/or officers.

Question 6 asked for volunteers for the ICC or holding a board position. No was the overwhelming response at 63.2% and the yes vote was 36.8%. One respondent stated positively that they'd like to serve on the board.

Question 7 asked for preferences on attending board meetings. 68.4% responded for in person meetings, 21.1% responded by saying hybrid meetings and 10.5% responded that online/virtually held meeting would be optimal.

Question 8 asked if one set location or organization should host meetings. The response at 52.6% favored one set location for meetings and 47.4 favored meetings held by members or their organizations.

Question 9 asked about meeting times. 52.6% like the current 10 a.m. time while 26.3% preferred another time and 21.1% would like lunch meetings. Written responses had a wide array of answers from 8:30 a.m. to evenings or weekends.

Question 10 asked about what day was best for meetings. There was a tie at 26.3% between Fridays and Wednesdays. Next came Mondays at 21.1% and Thursdays at 15.8%.

## FUTHER COMMENTS ON THE SURVEY FROM MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING

The Inter-Club Council's (ICC) fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. Dues are \$15/year.

Bylaws will be sent to members present to be reviewed or can be reviewed on-line at our website.

Suggestions on defining membership were given. You and or your representative must attend X meetings per year and present information on your organization to be considered "active". Another recommendation was that only an active member or organization can post their fundraising activities on-line at the ICC site.

## MEMBER ACTIVITIES

**Royal Oak Garden Club** , Barb Bolton: Participating with a booth at the upcoming 5/12/24 Royal Oak in Bloom event. They will also be joining the Chamber of Commerce in Royal Oak.

**Royal Oak Schools** , Amy Murphy: Graduation is upcoming next week. Discussions have recently started on having non-profit groups have tables at an early Fall game; a Ravens football game, the same evening when Clubs at the schools advertise their purpose and how to join. This suggestion is a work in progress.

**Royal Oak Women 's Club**, Terry Poduska & Cynthia DeMan: The Royal Oak Women's Club was awarded the Michigan Woman's Club of the Year at their annual GFWC convention. Several other awards were also won as Royal Oak had the most new members as well.

**Royal Oak Musicale**, Marilyn Lee: 5/21/24 a concert will be held at the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church featuring a chorus. Concerts are free to attend.

**Royal Oak Schools Foundation**, Berry Ann Garlak: Their annual fundraiser will be on 6/24/24 at Metamora Golf & Country Club. More details will follow. The foundation is also funding a career awareness program.

**YMCA**, Tricia Hamzik: 250 kids/week will be at Camp. The April Rise and Shine Breakfast was successful. This breakfast funds programs like Live Strong, a cancer survivor group that will be starting up again in September. A dance recital was held last week. The South Oakland branch (ours) was the only YMCA to have a positive balance sheet last year. There are 5,000 members at our YMCA.

**Blessings In a Backpack**, Shelley Lake: As of June 6, when we conclude packing weekend food bags, we will have packed 5,600 bags throughout the school year.

**Teen Clean Closet**, Kim Johnson: A 7<sup>th</sup> Closet is coming to the Hazel Park Library and will be providing basic hygiene needs. It will be under Kim's direction and hopefully they will begin to start a pipeline to receive their own donations. The Middle School's closet will become a support closet to the other Royal Oak closet locations. The closet at the Metro Detroit Youth Club has been revised so staff can monitor the closet more closely. TCC is a Bombas socks partner & 5,000 pairs of socks were delivered and are being donated to a variety of organizations.

Next Meeting **June 14, 2024 10:00 a.m. RO Senior Center**

Shelley Lake, Secretary