

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB MEETING Minutes

May 7, 2024

Evans Prairie Restaurant

OPENING:

The meeting was called to order at 10:35. Judi Higbee, President, welcomed everyone and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Civitan Creed.

PROGRAM:

Betty Rohan introduced speakers: Calinda Strayhorn, student scholarship recipient, and Chrystal Ingram, Associate Director of Financial Aid, of Beacon College.

Calinda very much appreciated the grant given to her from Civitan. She is a Junior and a busy girl on campus participating in several clubs including the Theatre group while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

Chrystal shared information about scholarship needs of the students and several programs they run such as College readiness and six-week summer program for students considering coming to Beacon.

MEETING:

Happy 9th Anniversary Hometown! A history of our club by Founder and First President, Betty Rohan. The club was started in 2015, and since then we have raised over \$80,000 to be given to 501c3 organizations. Pretty impressive for a small organization.

Initiation of new member: Sharlene welcomed Julie Stein as a new member and provided her with welcome packet and Civitan pin and her nametag.

Judi made a Special Presentation to Margie Brower. She received a letter from Civitan International and a pin for recruiting new members.

Guests were introduced: Mary introduced Maureen Carr who has decided to join. Laura introduced Laura Wall. Betty introduced Cathy Gooding.

May Birthdays: 10th - Karen Chlebek, 13th - Barbara Morris, 21st - Chickie Holtzman, 24th - Pat Rusk and 27th - Jayne Fossler.

The Happy Box was passed and \$17 was collected.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Recap of April 20th Social with lunch and Beacon College Drama Club's plays at the Palace Theater in Leesburg. Eight members and three guests enjoyed McCracken's menu and were delighted by the four one-act plays, written and performed by the students. Thank you, Laura for arranging this lovely special event. (View pictures and video on our website. Thank you, John Higbee.)

2. Recap of Best Buddies Friendship Walk around Lake Eola in Orlando on April 27th. Judi organized the Hometown Civitan team. We had eight walkers including Penny Badolato, Deb McCoy and Daniella Nevells. The donation goal was \$500 and we exceeded it by \$75! Thank you everyone who participated in this charitable event and donated to the cause. (View pictures and video on our website. Thank you, John Higbee.)

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming club elections and opportunities to serve 10/1/24 - 9/30/25. Revolving 2-year director terms, need for project leaders for Operation Shoebox, Our Moment Café, Best Buddies, Special Olympics. Will go more in depth at June meeting.

Next Club Meeting: June 4 – Pastor Scrubbs from Adamsville Baptist Church will speak about their outreach program. Their Church is located near Fenny.

Next Board meeting: May 15, 9:00 a.m. at Trillium Rec. Center. “Who’s on the Ballot?” (Judi will bring fruit and pastries. Bring your own beverage.)

There is NO CLUB MEETING IN JULY.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Lunch followed with anniversary cupcakes for dessert. Thanks Sharlene!

www.HometownCivitanClub.org - In the Video Channel and Photo Gallery you can view great pictures and videos with music of our most recent charitable events.