**The College Club of Canton**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 11, 2021**

1. Call to order
   1. Time: 6:00 pm
   2. Location: Burntwood Tavern
2. Secretarial Reports
   1. Recording Secretary – Sandy Abbonizio
      1. Consent Calendar: Approve the September 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
      2. Please submit your reports for the November 15th Board Meeting to Sandy Abbonizio via email [abboniziosandy@gmail.com](mailto:abboniziosandy@gmail.com) by the end of day Thursday, November 11th.
   2. Corresponding Secretary – Virginia Ellis
      1. Greeting Cards
         1. Sympathy Cards
            1. Judy Simonson on the passing of her father
   3. Financial Secretary—Linda Bayda
      1. No report
   4. Treasurer—Connie Gasper
      1. Financial Reports
         1. Consent Calendar: Approve Bank Statements
            1. Citizens Bank and Wayne Savings—Attachment A
      2. Consent CalendarApprove bills presented for payment
      3. Financial Advisory Committee
         1. No report
3. Officers’ Reports
   1. President – Betsy Cornell
      1. Consent Calendar: Motion to approve reports as submitted by Board Members
         1. Chris Sabraglia
         2. Linda Clark
         3. Motion Passed
      2. The next Board Meeting will be on November 15th at Burntwood Tavern. Arrive before 5 o’clock for dinner. Meeting will begin at 6 o’clock.
         1. If you are unable to attend the next meeting, a remote connection will be provided.
      3. Received a Tree of Life notice that will be given to the Historian as we collected money in memory of Board Members who passed. The money went to the Wilderness Center to plant memorial trees.
   2. President Elect—Position not filled as of June 3, 2021
   3. 2nd Vice President -- Margaret Riffle
      1. Updates to the new Yearbook will be included in the November issue of ***Chatter***
      2. Since a new person will be assuming the job of 2nd Vice-President as of June 1, 2022, below I have shared some major points involving this very important position. If you are considering becoming the next 2nd VP, please contact Margaret Riffle, 330-966-2104 or [omnut@aol.com](mailto:omnut@aol.com), as she will be happy to discus the details of this position with you.
         1. Be familiar with the names of CCC members for a variety of reasons.
            1. Read the obituaries online/in the paper daily to see if a member or a close relative of same has passed. Share the info with all who need to update records: President, Mailing, Membership, Financial Secretary, Historian and Calling/Email Chairperson. Post the passing and relationship to the member on the CCC FB page, and in the Yearbook on every page the member is listed.
            2. Look through the paper/online and make a note of any member who has reached a life milestone, an honor, is featured in an article, etc. This goes to the Historian for inclusion in the books. It is also posted on the CCC FB page and is included in “Kudos” in the next issue of *Chatter.*
            3. Forward the information to the Corresponding Secretary along with the card’s recipient/address so she can send a card.
         2. Take inventory of the materials stored by the 2nd Vice-President to insure there is enough for the current year plus a reasonable number of extras. Keep in regular contact with Heather at J&K Printing of items needed to be ordered. Keep records of amount of previous orders, dates of orders, and current costs as it is necessary to order the same amount or make changes as membership numbers change.
         3. Check with Mailing Chairperson prior to every mailing to assure she has enough of the correct size of envelopes for the mailing.
         4. Assign dates to receive information and any special paper to be used for luncheons or special notices from the person(s) in charge to receive that information in a timely manner in order for it to be included in the next mailing, Yearbook, etc. Get that information and the paper to Heather at J&K Printing so both the 2nd VP and Heather have the necessary information on record and the materials for printing. Monitor the receipt of these items (including 2nd requests or personal contacts) to ensure J&K Printing is given the appropriate amount of time to complete the printing and folding for the upcoming mailing.
         5. Set dates during the first week of May to receive information from committee chairpersons for inclusion in the next Yearbook. Make Gloria Ecenbarger’s blank forms for submitting information available to said chairpersons (the forms make compiling information for the Yearbook relatively easy).
            1. The Yearbook committee is composed of those responsible for keeping records: Financial Secretary, Membership, Mailing, and President. If any Yearbook committee member is unable to attend, a substitute should be found by the member not able to attend. It is helpful to have a past president substitute as their experience, advise and help, keeps the Yearbook meetings running smoothly.
         6. Share Yearbook meeting expectations, what needs to be brought and by whom, and the tentative schedule (dates and times) for three meetings by email to each Yearbook committee member during the first week of May. Keeping to a set schedule is VITAL!
            1. In the past, meetings at the 2nd VP’s house on Tuesdays with a 10:00 am start time, lunch break at Noon (each committee member is assigned a date to bring lunch), with 2 weeks between meetings seems to accommodate most committee members.
            2. Edits of the work completed at every meeting are sent to Heather at J&K Printing who will provide proofs to be used for the next committee meeting.
            3. Schedule a date by May 15th for the current president to visit J&K Printing to select the Yearbook cover paper color as it may have to be ordered.
            4. Keep committee members on task as the final Yearbook proof is expected at J&K Printing by July 20th.
   4. Past President – Judy Simonson
      1. No report
   5. Historian – Bonnie McDowell
      1. No report
   6. Nominating – Marilyn Welcsh
      1. No report
4. Committee Reports
   1. Auditing – Sarah Clark
      1. No report
   2. Calling/Emailing – Marilyn Welcsh & Linda Dessauer
      1. No report
   3. Hostess/House – Betsy Cornell and Laura Otte
      1. Betsy has contacted Trinity United Church of God to make all the arrangements for Saturday’s General Meeting “Reunited and it Feels so Good” 100th Celebration review.
      2. The seating will be autorium seating with chairs 3 feet apart. Bottled water and package snacks will be served. Printed nametags for Board members and new members will be created by Amber Miller our new Webmaster.
   4. Mailing—Carol Rhodes & Linda Dessauer
      1. No report
   5. Membership—Linda Clark
      1. No report
   6. Newsletter -- Margaret Riffle & Mary Ann Cook
      1. The next issue of *The Chatter* will be mailed on November 8, 2021. All articles to be included in this edition of *The Chatter* will need to be submitted by October 18th to Margaret Riffle [omnut@aol.com](mailto:omnut@aol.com).
      2. The invitation to the December Luncheon will need to be submitted to Margaret Riffle by October 8th to be included in the November 8th mailing.
   7. Nominating—Marilyn Welcsh
      1. No report
   8. Parliamentarian—Barb Bartchy
      1. No report
   9. Program – Rojean Cole
      1. No report
   10. Publicity—Sarah Clark
       1. No report
   11. Ruth Wolter Tuition Grant – Jodie Hawkins
       1. No report
   12. Scholarship Loan Collections – Julie Filliez Werren
       1. Collections schedule:
          1. 9 loans are paid in full in 2021
             1. 4 loans are due in 2021
             2. 1 loan is due in 2022
             3. 1 loan is due in 2024
             4. 3 loans are due in 2025
       2. Loan distributions:
          1. 16 loans were distributed in August, 2021
          2. 3 recipients did not take their loan due to lack of need
          3. 1 recipient remains ineligible (and was ineligible last year)—has not submitted a transcript for the past 2 years
       3. Payments:
          1. 11 recipients are paying on-time regularly according to their contracts
             1. There are 2 recipients that are behind in their payments, but it is being handled
       4. Overall, our scholarship loan accounts are in good financial state
   13. Scholarship Loan Selections—Chris Sbaraglia
       1. Research on changing the Scholarship Loan to a Scholarship Grant
          1. Over the last few months several members and outside sources, have been interviewed on the future of The College Club Scholarship Loan.
          2. I could not find any organization, such as ours, that are giving loans. The Canton Student Loan Foundation is the only nonprofit that continues to award loans. Their loans are low interest and can be renewable.
          3. I verified the funds College Club has in our account from Scholarship Loans that have been paid back:
             1. Currently there is over $115,000 in receivables as of July, 2021.
          4. It was determined that renewal loans could be awarded to finish our original commitment to the past year’s recipients.
          5. Research of several organizations, business as well as educational institutions, indicate that most grants are given on a one-time award and the number of grants are determined by funding available.
          6. Several of our recent loan applicants’ parents indicated they are not interested in incurring more debt via loans and were focusing their efforts on grants.
          7. Discussion with a local college financial aide representative indicates the same loan vs. grant parental responses. They have an increased goal to gain endowment funds from individuals and companies.
       2. Committee Recommendations
          1. CCC’s current Scholarship Loans should be converted to a grant that is awarded to high school seniors with the number of grants to be determined by funding available and by recommendation by the Finance Committee.
             1. Chris’s presentation to the Board used 2 terms: scholarship and grant in order to distinguish between the two types of aide. A recommendation was made to use Scholarship Grant or Grant-in-Aide instead of Scholarship Loans.
          2. This would eliminate the loan contracts required to be co-signed by a parent or guardian.
          3. The grant selection process would remain the same as currently used by the Scholarship Loan Selection Committee: Formal application, Transcripts, Essay and Interview
          4. The Scholarship Loan Selection Committee can continue as Scholarship Grant Selection Committee
          5. Clearly this is the direction CCC should take for the future and the future is now!
       3. The original amount for Scholarship Loan is the $20,000 CD at Citizen Bank. This original amount is to remain intact and not used for loans. Any money received from the CD interest and any money collected for Scholarship Loan as a donation to the yearly dues can be used for Scholarship Loans.
       4. Motion to change Scholarship Loan to a nonrenewable Scholarship Grant to be issued to qualifying high school senior(s).
          1. Motion: Chris Sabraglia
          2. Second: Julie Werren
          3. Motion approved
   14. Sections – Lewistine Holloway Moore
       1. No report
   15. Webmaster – Amber Miller
       1. Amber has met with the previous Webmaster to gain access and to understand our needs moving forward. A discussion will be held at the November Board Meeting to determine if we need to change to a new website provider.
5. New Business
   1. No new business
6. Unfinished Business
   1. No unfinished business
7. Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 pm
8. Attendance:

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|  | Last Name | First Name | Position Held | Oct |
| 1 | Abbonizio | Sandy | Recording Secretary | X |
| 2 | Bartchy | Barb | Parliamentarian |  |
| 3 | Bayda | Linda | Financial Secretary | X |
| 4 | Clark | Linda | Membership | X |
| 5 | Clark | Sarah | Auditor, Publicity | X |
| 6 | Cole | Rojean | Programs |  |
| 7 | Cook | Mary Ann | Co-Newsletter | X |
| 8 | Cornell | Betsy | President, Co-House/Hostess | X |
| 9 | Dessauer | Linda | Co-Calling/Email & Co-Mailing |  |
| 10 | Ellis | Virginia | Corresponding Secretary | X |
| 11 | Gasper | Connie | Treasurer, Financial Advisory | X |
| 12 | Hawkins | Jodie | Ruth Wolter Tuition Grant |  |
| 13 | McDowell | Bonnie | Historian | X |
| 14 | Moore, Holloway | Lewistine | Sections | X |
| 15 | Otte | Laura | Co-House/Hostess |  |
| 16 | Rhodes | Carol | Co-Mailing | X |
| 17 | Riffle | Margaret | Second Vice President, Co-Newsletter | X |
| 18 | Sbaraglia | Chris | Scholarship Loan Selections | X |
| 19 | Miller | Amber | Webmaster | X |
| 20 | Simonson | Judith | Past President |  |
| 21 | Welcsh | Marilyn | Co-Calling/Emailing, Nominating | X |
| 22 | Werren Filliez | Julie | Scholarship Loan Collections | X |
|  | Morgan | Eve | Guest |  |
|  |  |  | Total Board Members in Attendance | 16 |
|  |  |  | Guest(s) |  |
|  | **\*Voted by email** |  |  |  |