

Honeywell Retiree Social Club Minutes

Wednesday, March 31, 2021, 10:30am, via Zoom

Sherry (Maxson) Myers, Secretary

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In attendance: Mary Barkl, Kevin Harris, Bruce Landini, Doug Metzger, Sherry Myers, Kay Nye, Barb Rippstein, Cheryl Wiley

1. February meeting minutes were approved by all.
2. Website and eBridge – Kevin
Nothing special to report, did routine stuff with the website and The e-Bridge distribution.
Barb asked Kevin if he could do a flash ad to members with info on a cruise she has planned, once it's approved – yes he can, unless it's in the right timing for the next Bridge.
3. Treasurer's Report – Doug
Treasury report is uneventful; few dues, that's about it, not much change from last month.
Doug said he'd be writing the check for the Scholarship fund, Cheryl said don't do it and she'll explain when she reports on scholarships.
4. RTVOS Bucket Brigade – Doug
Doug received a letter from Kelly Watson regarding the RTVOS April event, "Bucket Brigade," asking if we would like to participate; Doug had forwarded it to the Committee. Our Bucket Brigade sponsorship would provide homeowners with a customized bucket of tools and maintenance supplies, as well as home safety items, allowing them to take care of all the little things before they become the big, expensive things. Doug would have coordinated this; however, no enthusiasm expressed as the recipients may not know how to use the items; decision was made to not participate.
5. Scholarships – Cheryl
Both Cheryl's and Mary Harris's roles as Scholarship Chair and Treasurer end at the end of September, which goes through the audit and introduction into the new fiscal year. To help find successors, Cheryl put together a document, and sent to Mary Harris for review, to be included in the President's Perspective. This info announces the position openings and outlines the duties. Between Cheryl and Mary (Harris), they have automated as much as possible (Thank You notes, receipts) and pre-formatted agendas and meeting minutes to make this job easier and more efficient, so any successor should have some computer skills.
As of date of this meeting, only six applications have been received for scholarships; when Kay's granddaughter applies, the total will be seven. Deadline is April 1. The current scholarship fund totals \$16,912.19 (including \$8,000 from Honeywell which we'll have by May 15), so with six recipients, each would receive \$2,800, with seven, each would receive \$2,400. Since this is more money than ever given out before, they won't bill either one of the clubs, and Cheryl told Doug not to add the \$1,500 HRSC contribution. Funds are distributed each year, not carried over to following years.
So far, Paul Christopherson has not responded positively about taking over Chairmanship of this committee after Cheryl. Mary Barkl will call Paul, asking if he'd like to be a Director. This position can be filled by either a member of our group or Garrett group.
Bruce Landini reached out to a number of people for a contact at Honeywell Hometown Solutions for a donation, but no response.
Cheryl gets no responses for the "Where are they now" articles on scholarship recipients so may take it out of The Bridge. She will do an article on her granddaughter for September.

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6. Cruises – Barbara

Barb said cruise ships are booking cruises starting in August, with precautions and added benefits, so she has booked a cruise starting April 24, 2022 for 5 days, Los Angeles to Cabo San Lucas. This month or next month, she will do an article about what steps the cruise lines are taking to keep passengers safe (such as mask-wearing and being vaccinated), and will announce the cruise. So far, five people are signed up.

7. Virtual Tours in Arizona – Kay

Kay has received links from friends for interesting or fun videos, including changing the lightning rod on the Christ Redeemer statue in Rio De Janeiro and the singing anesthesiologists doing “Waking up is Hard to Do.”

Barb asked if there is a Code Talker museum, suggested if so, that would be good to include. Kay will look into this.

Kay should get the email list of members from Ted Rees to include in this month’s Bridge.

8. Bridge Status/Issues – Kay

Input for next Bridge is due by this weekend; Kay will send out The Bridge next week for review.

Mary will make the Board members more visible by adding their info in her President’s Perspective.

9. New events 2021

Oktoberfest – Mary will pursue this event and will mention it in the May issue of The Bridge, noting sign-ups must be done in September. As an alternative to Edelweiss, it was suggested to hold it at Haus Murphy or maybe outside again.

Will include in The Bridge that there will be a Christmas event, although not known yet what it would be. Members have not shown great interest in the Christmas lunch due to the high cost, so possibility is to find a lower-cost venue, or to have it outdoors.

Hall of Flame tour – Kay will follow up in August, maybe schedule for February.

Barb asked if Kay could ask in The Bridge for members to let her know what kind of events they’re interested in. Kay can, but also said she gets very little response to these requests.

10. Member Recruiting

Potential members are welcome to attend a meeting, Barb suggested promoting that currently we meet remotely in the hopes of drawing more people, as opposed to having to drive to a meeting site. Potential members would need to call Mary to get the meeting invite.

Action Items:

Extend member’s dues out one additional year due to continuing pandemic? Discuss in June or July.

Decide what to do with the club’s CD. Discuss in May.

Meeting adjourned at about 11:20 am.

Next meeting: April 28, 2021, 10:30am.