



Kiwaniis®

METRO DETROIT YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Club Meeting

Thursday January 11th, 2018

6:45 pm – Board Arrival

Welcome – Amir

Guests – Eliana

- Christine
- Lauren
- Vignesh
- Kara - member of Oakland University Circle K
- Lori - member of Romeo Kiwanis Club
- Ayesha

My Two Cents – Eliana

All money raised goes to our service fund.

Past Events – Kiley

- Laser Tag Social – 11/18
 - Stacey: Club members went to play laser tag and won against the children! But the second time they lost. They also played mini-golf and had a lot of fun and they would love to go back again soon.
- Adopt-a-Family Holiday Shopping – 11/28
 - Rebecca: They went to Wal-Mart to holiday shop for a family. She said that it was challenging to find things that they would like. Tedd put out a plug for more men to help in the future!
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing – 12/2
 - Jen: Members raised \$444.36 for Salvation Army! They had a lot of fun and raised money for a great cause.
- 2nd Annual Holiday Party – 12/9

- Wechsler: The 2nd annual holiday party was a hit! We had a white elephant exchange and had lots of fun. If you did not make it this year, you should be sure to make it next year! We also wore ugly sweaters.
- Focus:HOPE Senior Holiday Delivery Event – 12/16
 - Tedd: This was a delivery event for seniors. Members drove around to pick up and deliver food to a senior center. They brought about twelve meals which unfortunately was not enough for all of the seniors there. Members went out to brunch afterwards.
- Shine Light in the Darkness Food Packaging – 12/23
 - Vignesh: This event was to package extra food from supermarkets. This was a great way to help others around the holidays.

Birthdays – Katy

When members have a birthday they have to answer random questions in front of the club. Amir shared his dream car, that his is either early or late (but not on time), loves his brown alpaca wool socks, hates when doors are not oiled, and spends most of his time thinking about how he will answer birthday questions next year.

501c3 – David Willoughby

Forming a 501(c)3 would allow us to receive more donations, order things as tax-exempt, and work with more organizations. The way we have set it up is that the board of the organization would be the same as the club's board (which is a 501(c)4). Meetings for the organization would be the same as the clubs' meetings. For the most part, there won't be any new meetings. The board would consist of the president, the past president, secretary/treasurer, development director, and social director. There would also be two ancillary directors whose terms begin in May to create overlap with the board of the directors who begin in October. The two ancillary directors would be nominated and voted on by the board. They would give input on matters for the 501(c)3. The board would decide where the money goes in the 501(c)3. The two ancillary members would be from among the club's general membership.

Andre added our club is a civil service organization, which means that donations are not tax deductible. A foundation would be tax deductible. Larger companies will only donate to 501(c)3s, which is a major advantage. The foundation could also then donate money to the club, and it would not be risky. Having the foundation would not add much administrative work.

Jen added that once you are federally tax exempt, you are automatically state tax-exempt.

Kelly made a motion for the Metro Detroit Young Professionals Club to move forward and pursue with Kiwanis International establishing a 501 C3 Foundation. Andre seconded.

Kelly made a motion to vote on the 501(c)(3).

All voting members were in favor.

Board Update

- Little Library Signature Service Project – Kiley Kastl

- We are looking to set up a signature service project for the first time! We would like to make a Little Free Library. These work on a “leave a book, take a book” principle.
- This would be an ongoing project and are looking to start a committee to oversee this project.
- Some things to consider: location, book donations, building or buying the structure, caretaking committee to maintain and refill books.
- Kiley passed around a sign-up sheet for people who would be interested in getting involved with this.
- Quarter Zips – Katy Tylus
 - We will be ordering Columbia brand quarter-zips. They are \$43 each and will have our club’s logo in the corner. We will be taking orders through the end of January. The order form has been sent out and you can also contact Katy if you are interested.
- Winter Wars – Kelly
 - Kelly is super excited! This will be our second annual Winter Wars and it officially starts today. It will run through the end of March.
 - We started this in order to encourage service participation during the cold winter months. Last year it was the board v. club members to see who would do more service hours. The club members beat the board, so the board had to run the club meeting in costumes.
 - This year it will be different! We will have two members and split the membership in half. The prize this year will be a potluck party. On April 26th we will go to B. Nektar and the losers will have to provide food, winners just get to enjoy!
 - By doing service hours, you get one point per hour (must be a MDYPK event). If you bring a non-member to a service project, you will also earn one point per hour.
 - If you sponsor a new member, all of the hours that they do will be added to your team’s total (since they will become a part of your team!). Their hours will count for DOUBLE the points!
 - Blue Team:
 - Andre
 - Megan Whybra
 - Nachiket
 - James
 - Robert Buchanan
 - Katy Tylus
 - David Weschsler
 - Nicole Saghy
 - Kiley
 - Anna Thompson
 - Ashley

- Keyva
 - Rebecca
- Gold Team
 - Stacey
 - Tedd
 - Robert Allen
 - Matt Sova
 - Amir
 - Nikki
 - David Willoughby
 - Eliana
 - John Kerby
 - Katie Carbin
 - Jen
 - Joe
 - Emma
- Club Directory - Katy
 - If you would not like your information included please let us know. Information to be included would be name, address, phone number, email, and birthday (not year). This would only be shared with club members.
- Service Survey - Kiley
 - This was sent out to the club and is designed to figure out what members are interested in related to service. If you complete it, you will be entered into a drawing for a Starbucks gift card!

District Update - Kelly

- District Wide Day of Service
 - This will be held on March 3rd, 2018. We will participate in a project with our division. Project details will be shared soon.
- Igniting the Leader in You
 - This will be held on Saturday, February 17th. The cost is \$30/person. This event will be led by many non-Kiwanians and is open to the public. More information to be shared on our Facebook page. Talk with Kelly if you would like to learn more.
- Spring Divisional
 - We will be hosting Spring Divisional this year for Divisions 1, 3, 6, and 7! This is about 30 clubs and the event is designed to recognize the great work done by clubs.
 - It will be held on Saturday, April 7th about 2-6 PM, official time to come.
 - We will be doing hands-on service to begin, and then awards, food, and socializing will follow. Spring Divisional is a Kiwanis tradition!
 - Kelly is looking for chairs and committee members to assist with various tasks associated with the event.
- Michigan District Executive Committee

- The committee filled out information to create personalized brochures for each club. We will also be able to order these from Kiwanis in the future for free (just pay for shipping). This is a way to be able to better promote our club!

Upcoming Projects - Kiley

- Home FurEver Adoption Event – 1/13
 - At Pet Supplies Plus in Beverly Hills.
- Bringing Hope to the Table – 1/20
 - Through Gleaners and at Kroger locations throughout the month.
- Detroit Kiwanis No. 1 Club 103rd Birthday Party – 1/20
 - Will be held at Greektown Casino in Detroit. The international president will be there and is a very nice event. This is a great way to celebrate Kiwanis.
- SOS Emergency Shelter - 1/27
 - More details to come on the website.
- Baldwin Youth Center Dinner Serving – 1/31
 - We will help prepare a meal and then play games with the kids after.
- Kids Against Hunger Food Packaging – 2/3
 - Measure out ingredients for a rice meal. This is a high impact project because the kits go local and international.
- Michigan Beer Growler Company Fundraiser – 2/9
 - We will go on a Friday night. Feel free to bring guests! They have games that you can play. Money raised will go to our Service Fund.
- Starfish Family Services Daddy/Daughter Dance - 2/18
 - More information to come on the website

Closing – Amir