**Senior Men’s Club of Birmingham**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting – May 24, 2019**

**WELCOME:** President McGee welcomed Members and then led the Club in the *Pledge of Allegiance.* Ty Perkins, accompanied by Charlie Blank, led the members in singing *America.* Leonard Borman offered the invocation. There was a Moment of Silence for Life Members Art Held, Gene Hess and Harry Mitchell.

**CLUB BUSINESS:
Minutes**: Minutes of the May 10, 2019 meeting have been posted both on the bulletin board and on the Club’s website.

**Guests:** Stuart Main introduced Lewis Brown and Dave Ehlen introduced Ron Rubin.

**Annual Giving Initiative Program Update:** President McGee reported that $25k has been raised to date, and that the average per person donation exceeds $220. He thanked those who have contributed and encouraged others to do so.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** President McGee called for the committee reports.
**Visitation and Health:** Greg McComas reported on the health status of Tom Rowley and Ara Basherian.

**Camera Group:** Bob Frank reported that the next meeting will be June 13 at 3 PM at TCH. Bob will discuss the history of photography.

**Computer Group:** Tom Allen reported that the next meeting will be June 19 at 3 PM at TCH. Tom will discuss Google services.

**Genealogy Group:** Dave Bakos reported that the next meeting will be June 3 at 2 PM at TCH. Dave will discuss military records searches.

**Reading Group:** Frank Snower reported as follows: The Monday Reading Group will meet on June 17 to discuss Tommy Orange’s book There There. The Wednesday Reading Group will meet on June 5 to discuss China’s Second Continent, by Howard French.

**Special Events:** Mike Clement reported that the Dexter Playhouse tour to see “Crazy for You,” is set for June 22, and the annual River Cruise is set for July 24.

**Moment of Interest:** Paul Lieberman summarized his 40 year volunteer efforts to increase literacy in the local communities and encouraged members to join him.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

* Today’s speaker is Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren, whose topic will be “Oakland County Bi-Centennial.” The speaker on June 7 will be Al Eicher and Friends. We will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landing…the beginning of the end of WW II. A special buffet lunch for $20 will be served.
* The July Reminder deadline is June 14.
* The next Executive Board meeting is Tuesday, June 11 at 9:30 AM.
* There will be no meeting next week.

President McGee reported that today is “National Brothers Day,” honoring the brothers in our lives. He asked members to celebrate your brother, remembering we are all brothers in the SMC.

**RECESS UNTIL**: 11:15 AM.

**PROGRAM:** May Program Chair Chuck Moss introduced Oakland County Circuit Judge Michael Warren, who discussed the Oakland County Bicentennial and Patriot Week. The Bicentennial will be March 2020 and will focus on education, reflection and celebration. It will include partnerships with communities, independent events (including a gala), and legacy monuments. He invited members to assist by accessing a website will be soon be posted. He then presented a Power Point depicting Patriot Week, developed by Judge Warren and his 10 year old daughter. Celebrated from September 11-17, Patriot Week renews America’s spirit by celebrating the First Principles, Founding Fathers and other Patriots, vital documents and speeches, and flags that make America the greatest nation in the world.

**ATTENDANCE:** 130.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Maynard Timm

Recording Secretary