**Senior Men’s Club of Birmingham**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting – October 18, 2019**

**WELCOME:** President McGee welcomed Members and then led the Club in the *Pledge of Allegiance.* Ty Perkins, accompanied by Dick Halsted, led the Club in *America.* Bob Hayes offered the invocation. There was a Moment of Silence for Christine Barnett, Randy Barnett’s wife, and Marilyn Severson, Jerry Stribbell’s sister.

**CLUB BUSINESS:**

**Minutes**: Minutes of the October 11, 2019 meeting have been posted both on the bulletin board and on the Club’s website.

**New Member Elections:** Paul Kovceses sponsored musician Tony DiMaria, and Bob Pliska sponsored lawyer John Kamins. Both nominees were unanimously approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** President McGee called for the committee reports.

**Visitation and Health:** Jay Lorber reported that Christine Barnett, wife of Member Randy Barnett, died on October 14. Visitation is set for October 19 and services on October 20 at Lynch and Sons Funeral Home in Clawson. He then reported on the health status of the following: Augie Perrotta; Jay Kafarski; Dick Bradley; and Raul Dhar. Finally, he urged members to get a flu shot as soon as possible.

**Reading:** Frank Snower reported as follows: on October 21 the Monday Reading Group will discuss The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas are Setting up a Generation for Failure, by Greg Lukianoff and Jonathan Haidt; and on November 6 the Wednesday Reading Group will discuss Empire of the Summer Moon, by S. C. Gwynne.

**Special Events:** Mike Clement reported as follows: the Zonjic Concert is set for November 7; and the Schoolcraft Dinner is set for November 14.

**Moment of Interest:** Dave Dinger invited Members to attend CPR/AED Training, set for October 26 at 9 AM at the Birmingham Fire Station.

**2020 Officer Nominations:** George Stern presented the following slate of candidates: President—Jerry Stribbell; 1st VP—Maynard Timm; 2nd VP—Swarn Rajpal; Recording Secretary—Paul Kovceses; Corresponding Secretary—Larry Imerman; Treasurer—Len Borman; Asst. Treasurer—John Groves; Officers at Large—Posh Gulati and Martin Rowell. Elections will occur next Friday. George then offered sincere thanks to Roger Timm, who is stepping down from a leadership position, for his faithful and dedicated efforts in compiling the Club’s history. Roger will continue to serve as Club Historian.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

* Today’s speaker is Deborah Drennon, CEO of Freedom House Detroit. Next week’s speaker will be Richard Marsh, President, Winston Churchill Society.
* The December Reminder deadline is November 8.
* The Executive Board meeting is Tuesday, November 12 at 9:30 AM.

President McGee reported that today is “National Mulligan Day,” and encouraged all golfers to take advantage of this “do over” opportunity before winter sets in.

**RECESS UNTIL**: 11:05 AM.

**PROGRAM:** Deborah Drennon, CEO of Freedom House Detroit, offered remarks detailing its purpose. Founded in 1983 in southwest Detroit, Freedom House provides shelter for immigrants seeking asylum. To qualify, an individual must claim that he will be prosecuted by his home country for political reasons. 90% of applicants are granted asylum status following a process that lasts many years, due to Immigration Court backlogs. During that time applicants may not earn income and are classified as aliens. They may eventually apply for citizenship status.

**ATTENDANCE:** 142.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Maynard Timm

Recording Secretary