**Senior Men’s Club of Birmingham**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting – July 12, 2019**

**WELCOME:** President McGee welcomed Members and then led the Club in the *Pledge of Allegiance.* Mike Albright, accompanied by Dick Halsted, led the Club in *God Bless America.* John Reddy offered the invocation. There was a Moment of Silence for Life Member John Dickson, WWII veteran, who died at 95.

**CLUB BUSINESS:   
Minutes**: Minutes of the June 28, 2019 meeting have been posted both on the bulletin board and on the Club’s website.

**Guests:** George Stern introduced Arthur Stever; Ralph Carroll introduced Bob Armstrong; Malcolm Hendy introduced Joe Canfield; Swarn Rajpal introduced Bharat Bhatt; and Perry Driggs introduced Don Veake.

**Member Birthdays:** President McGee recited the names of members with July birthdays and led the Club in the birthday song.

**New Member Elections:** Frank Snower nominated retired marketing executive Dave Jensen, and President McGee nominated fellow Irishman and finance executive Rich McGee. Both candidates were unanimously approved for full membership.

**SMC Leisure Wear:** Malcolm Hendy reported that SMC Leisure Wear is on display and available online through August 4. He introduced Varsity Shop owner and SMC Member Marc Secontine, who presented President McGee with a special gift.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** President McGee called for the committee reports.   
**Visitation and Health:** John Skubick reported that Life Member John Dickson died on June 23 at 95 and services were held on July 6. He then reported on the health status of Ralph Schick, Tom Rowley, Jay Kafarski and Augie Perrotta.

**Reading Group:** Frank Snower reported as follows: On July 15, the Monday Reading Group will discuss The Unexpected President: The Life and Times of Chester A. Arthur, by Scott Greenberger, at 3 PM at TCH. George Stern will lead the discussion. On August 7 the Wednesday Reading Group will discuss The Pope of Physics: Enrico Fermi, by Gino Segre and Bettina Howein at 10:30 AM at TCH. Charlie Greenberg will lead the discussion.

**Special Events:** Jerry Stribbell reported as follows: the annual River Cruise is set for July 24; a tour of Julie Dawson’s house and garden is set for August 2/3; the Belle Isle tour is set for August 16; and the Annual Car Show Picnic is set for September 17.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

* Today’s speaker will be David Dubensky, Chairman and CEO, Ford Land, who will address Michigan Central Station, The Centerpiece of Ford’s Corktown Campus. Next week Lewis Booth, Retired Executive VP and CFO, Ford Motor Company, will address What’s Really Going on in the Auto Industry.
* The September Reminder deadline is August 9.
* The Executive Board meeting is Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30 AM.

President McGee reported that today is “National Simplicity Day,” observed in honor of Henry David Thoreau. He encouraged members to model Thoreau by taking the time to step back and begin to simply their lives.

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

**PROGRAM:** David Dubensky, Chairman and CEO, Ford Land, accompanied by PR Manager Dawn Baldwin, presented a PowerPoint (to be posted on the SMC website) entitled Michigan Central Station, The Centerpiece of Ford’s Corktown Campus. Ford has budgeted $740M in an effort to attract talent to develop mobility in the future. When completed in December 2022, nearly 3000 employees will work in Ford’s Mobility Corridor, focusing on opportunity, innovation and creativity. Ford also hopes to become a catalyst triggering partners to develop adjacent properties and enhance the quality of life for residents. Sustainability will be a key attribute in that 100% of the needed energy will be provided by wind power. Local construction job sourcing will be achieved through $5M in extensive skilled trades training.

**ATTENDANCE:** 158.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary