**Senior Men’s Club of Birmingham**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting – February 1, 2019**

**WELCOME:** President McGee called the meeting to order at 10:30 am and welcomed the members. He then led the Club in the *Pledge of Allegiance.* John Porter led the members in singing of *“God Bless America”.* Gene Markel offered the invocation.

**CLUB BUSINESS:**

**Minutes**: Minutes of the January 25, 2019 meeting have been posted both on the bulletin board and on the Club’s website.  
**Birthdays:** President McGee announced the names of the 41 SMC members whose birthdays are in the month of February. Happy Birthday was sung by all.

**Associate members:** All Associate members who attended the orientation earlier in the morning were recognized and welcomed

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** President McGee called for the committee reports:  
**Visitation and Health:** Leonard Borman presented the report. 1. JERRY PECKis at Beaumont hospital where he is now receiving rehabilitation therapy after two separate back surgeries since mid-December. 2. STU SCHUSTERremains in hospice care at home. 3.JAY KAFARSKI underwent knee surgery one week ago. He is receiving intravenous antibiotics and recovering at the Pomeroy Health Center, formerly known as the Boulevard Health Center, located roughly Adams and South Blvd, in Rochester. 4. CLIFF BATH was hospitalized two days ago with Shingles. 5. TOM SANDERCOCK’s memorial service is scheduled for tomorrow, February 2nd, 2019 at the Northbrook Presbyterian Church.

**Camera Group:** Bob Frank presented the report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12 at 3 pm. He will discuss the 35 mm slides of the National Parks taken during 1960s and 1970s.

**Games:** Tim McGee presented the report. There will be individual instruction on golf swing by a pro at the Golf dome next Thursday.

**Special Events:** Jerry Stribbell presented the report. Last week 100 persons attended the Auto show at the Cobo Hall. They went in two buses, saw the car display, lunched and had a great time. The next special event is in March. It is the play “The 39 Steps” by Ridgedale players and lunch at Picanos restaurant in Troy. The following month, April, a tour of houses of worship is planned. They will visit the Jain Temple, Beth El synagogue and Christ Church at Cranbrook.

**Genealogy Group:** Dave Bakos presented the report. The Genealogy Group will meet Monday, February 4th at 2:00 pm at *The Community House*. The topic will be **"**Using Google as a Research Tool for Family History**."** They will watch a video demonstration on using special techniques and inputs to get specific information. For those who have not tried documenting their family history, he will also review a reference video to initiate you into using the free website, FamilySearch.org

**Investment Group;** George Miller presented the report. The next meeting is on Wednesday, February 13 at 2:45 pm. The speaker is Alan Miller, Tax Director, Sequoia Financial Corp. His subject will be New Tax Law, Tax Strategies for investing and Reporting. The leader in the Stock game this month is Mike Clement with 30.7% gain.

**Reading Group:** Frank Snower presented the report. At 10:30 am on Wednesday, February 6, we will discuss Cornelia Dean’s "Making Sense of Science." Cornelia Dean seeks to equip nonscientists with a set of critical tools to evaluate the scientific claims and controversies that shape our lives. Presently anyone seeking factual information on climate change, vaccine safety, risk of terrorist attack, or other topics in the news must sift through an avalanche of bogus assertions and self-interested spin. Cornelia Dean draws on thirty years’ experience with *The New York Times*. Bob Frank will lead the discussion. On Monday, February 18 at 3:00PM, we will discuss "Next", by Michael Crichton. Michael Crichton’s devilishly clever thriller blends fact and fiction as he writes about the world of genetics as it’s happening now. We live in a time of momentous scientific leaps, a time when one fifth of all our genes are owned by somebody else, and an unsuspecting person and his family can be pursued cross-country because they happen to have certain valuable genes within their chromosomes. Michael Crichton adds lightning fast pacing and thrilling chases. Tom Booth will lead the discussion.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

Today’s speaker will be is SMC member Barry King, whose topic will be *“Oakland County Child Killer”.* Next week’s speakeris

Robert Glass, Superintendent Bloomfield Schools. His topic will be *“State of the School District”.* The March *Reminder* Deadline is February 8. The next Executive Board Meeting is February 12 at 9:30 am. Please pick up the 2019 Directory and lapel pin. President McGee reported that tomorrow is ground hog day.   
**RECESS UNTIL**: 11:05 am.

**PROGRAM:** SMC member Barry King described the crime of four young children, which included his son, who were killed by a pedophile in 1977. This suspected killer apparently committed suicide by a gun shot in 1978. Soon after his attorney died. Barry King, who is a lawyer, has been in pursuit of justice for this crime ever since the incident. He has encountered numerous judicial road blocks and remains dissatisfied with the outcome of the case.

**ATTENDANCE:** 110.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

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