**Senior Men’s Club of Birmingham**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting – May 3, 2019**

**WELCOME:** President McGee welcomed Members and then led the Club in the *Pledge of Allegiance.* Maynard Timm, accompanied by Dick Halsted, led the members in singing *America the Beautiful.* Geno Markel offered the invocation.

**CLUB BUSINESS:
Minutes**: Minutes of the April 26, 2019 meeting have been posted both on the bulletin board and on the Club’s website.

**Guests:** Art Kaye introduced Mike Wilson, who he recently met on the golf course.

**Member Birthdays:** President McGee recited the names of members with May birthdays. Maynard Timm, accompanied by Dick Halsted, led members in singing *Happy Birthday.*

**TCH Annual Giving Initiative:** President McGee presented a Power Point outlining the 2019 TCH Annual Giving Initiative. The TCH has been inextricably intertwined with the SMC for 62 years. He strongly encouraged members to make a generous donation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** President McGee called for the committee reports.
**Visitation and Health:** John Dueweke reported as follows: Patricia Smith, wife of deceased life member Dick Smith, died on February 24. Services will be held on May 4 at 2 PM at St. James Episcopal Church. He also reported on the health status of the following: Cliff Bath; Jay Kafarski; Augie Perrotta; and Jack Porter.

**Classic Movie Group:** Malcolm Hendy reported that “The Dam Busters” will be presented on May 10 at 12:45 PM at TCH.

**Investment:** John Murray reported that the next meeting is set for May 8 at 2:45 PM at TCH. The speaker will be Julie Hollinshead, Portfolio Manager, DeRoy & Devereaux. Her topic will be “Does this bull market have legs after a ten year run?”

**Special Events:** Mike Clement reported that the Toledo Mud Hens Tour is set for May 15, and the Dexter Playhouse tour to see “Crazy for You,” is set for June 22.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

* Today’s speaker is Joe Valentine, Birmingham City Manager, who will provide a “City Update.” Next week’s speaker will be Trevor Brydon, Transportation and Planning Planner for SEMCOG, whose topic will be “The New Regional Transportation Plan for SE Michigan—Roads, Transit, Future Needs and Vehicles.”
* The June Reminder deadline is May 10.
* The next Executive Board meeting is Tuesday, May 21 at 9:30 AM.

President McGee reported that today is “National Two Different Colored Shoes Day.” Quoting Dr. Arlene Kaiser (originator of this day), “The simple act of wearing two different colored shoes proclaims your individuality. By taking this positive risk, you can demonstrate your willingness to be different, and show your appreciation for the unique people in your life.”

**RECESS UNTIL**: 11:10 AM.

**PROGRAM:** President McGee introduced Joe Valentine, Birmingham City Manager, who presented a Power Point (which will be placed on the SMC Website), which provided an update on the following: Budget; Collaboration with Little League; Master Plan; Parking Structure; Senior Services, and Unimproved Roads. Joe manages a budget of $86M, of which 40% is dedicated to police/fire. Millage rates have declined over the past five years. Kenning Park will be enhanced through collaboration with the Little League. He invited all members to participate in efforts to develop a new Master Plan, which will occur from May 14-21. He also reported on plans to construct a new parking structure on N. Old Woodward, which will increase the number of parking spaces and enhance the streetscape. Working with other adjoining communities, Birmingham will be studying ways to provide improved senior services. He concluded by reporting that there are 26 miles of unimproved roads, which desperately need repair.

**ATTENDANCE:** 157.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Maynard Timm

Recording Secretary