

**MACOMB KIWANIS**  
**November Board Meeting**  
**Tim Moss Residence – November 6, 2008**

The Meeting was called to order by President Tim Moss at 6:30 p.m. Those attending Officers and Board Members were: Sue Dexter, Ken Harp, Susan Thompson, Owen Thompson, Jeremy Benson, Debbie Vandemark and Joe Vandemark.

**Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the October. Our club's membership was 34 at the beginning of October. Two members – Waneen Stout and John Elfrink – were added in October. Gary Sash has also applied to become a member in November. Susan motioned and Jeremy seconded to accept all three new members. The motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeremy distributed the October financial statements for review by the Board. Jane Morrow was reimbursed \$30.98 for expenses incurred for the New Officer Installation Meeting held in October. \$120 was sent to Kiwanis International for fees for our two new members. A transfer of \$2500 was made for our Feed the Children commitment. \$500 as paid to Lincoln Elementary School; \$100 to the Performing Arts Society; and \$600 for Junior Bowling. We have received \$6000 in commitments for Feed the Children from MidAmerica National Bank, Macomb Education Foundation, and Rotary.

\$1,336.69 was recorded for receipts from Peanut Days for weekend of October 24 and 25. \$1,252.81 was recorded for weekend of October 31 and November 1, 2008.

Bills for the first Quarter have been distributed to members.

Discussion was held regarding the Feed the Children program. The weekly expense is \$342.82. If we end up having to fund additional dollars again this year, we should hand this off to another group to administer. Debbie Vandemark made a motion to have information in writing regarding the commitment of others for this year stating how much, who will be providing the funds, and the Kiwanis member that was involved, signed by both parties, to be kept by our Treasurer. Ken Harp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Vandemark motioned to approve the October financial statements. Ken Harp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Benson submitted the Budget for 2008-2009. This budget includes budgeted funds for House and Club Administration Committee, Publicity Committee, Membership Committee, Special Events Committee, Interclub Committee, and Programs Committee. Circle K and Builders Club were each allocated \$600 this year. There are still accounts at Citizens National Bank for the Circle K Club. The Community and Youth Services Committee was budgeted \$9,925, which is close to what has been spent over the previous years. Separate line items were not listed in this budget, as have been in the past, but the Committee will be giving the Board recommendations regarding services/events/individuals/etc., to be receiving funding. The Bench Building fund has \$5,990.01 currently. This fund was not submitted as part of the 2008-2009 Budget. Time would like to use these funds for sending club members to Kiwanis events. Before soliciting further sales of benches, Tim would like to be sure there is commitment from enough members to build the benches. Jeremy doesn't think that funds were ever spent from this fund, except to pay for the building supplies, etc. A motion was made by Ken Harp and seconded by Owen Thompson that proceeds from bench sales to the public go to the Community Fund and sales to other Kiwanis clubs go to the Bench fund. Previous Kiwanis club members most recently involved in bench building were Joe, Debbie, Jay, Hassan, Susan and Owen. Tim appointed Debbie and Owen as co-chairs for the Bench Committee to coordinate bench building and sales.

The 2008-2009 Budget will be published in the Builder, stating that the Budget has been approved by the Board and questions can be directed to Jeremy.

501(c)(3) Status: Kiwanis Club of Macomb is non-profit 501(c)(7); therefore, we do not have to pay federal or state taxes, but people who give us money can not deduct their contributions. Kiwanis International is trying to become 501(c)(3) but is having trouble with the IRS. Joy Boruff is going to be speaking to our club on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 to better inform our members about this club status and setting up a Macomb Kiwanis Foundation 501(c)(3). Fees would be involved in setting this up.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Ken, Ted and Tim will be meeting next week.

Sponsored Youth – Jeff Paisley will be working getting the Builders Club established again this year  
Special Events – Jeremy and Susan are working on the Christmas Party  
House Committee – has reviewed the Club Questionnaire. Of 34 members, 10 responded. We need to remember to adjust the sound system before each meeting. We discussed the place, time, and day of the meeting and if changing would help to recruit new members to our club. A motion was made by Owen Thompson to table the discussion. Jeremy Benson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

50/50 Raffle – we discussed whether this should be continued. Discussion was held regarding adding items to be raffled or auctioned during the Pancake Day

Youth Services – Playground Equipment is on hold waiting for a decision by the City and Park District as to who is in charge of Chandler Park. The Park District currently oversees the Park. Owen and Jeremy will meet with the Mayor to let him know of our interest in contributing to the new playground area.

December Projects:

Breakfast with Santa – Will be held on December 6. We will need a sign-up sheet for Volunteers. Hy-Vee supplies the food. FS will supply the propane.

Shopping with Santa – Will be held December 13. Jeremy will check with Hassan about this program.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Food Baskets – Debbie will be heading up these projects

Program Coordinator – Susan is coordinating the programs. We should request that programs/projects that receive funds from Kiwanis also be speakers at our meetings.

A motion was made by Owen Thompson and seconded by Jeremy to give \$300 to WIRC's Project Santa. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Debbie Vandemark and seconded by Owen to give \$500 to Youth Assistance Program. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Ken Harp and seconded by Susan Thompson to cover the cost of Breakfast with Santa – usually about \$500 to \$700. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Bylaws – We will not be including the Executive Committee suggestion. An Educational Discussion was held regarding regular, senior, spouse status. Every Board of Director will serve a one-year term. Ken and Susan are now serving their second year. Owen is in his first year term. Election of Officers – the Secretary position will be changed to an elected position rather than appointed.

New Business –

The II District newsletter will now be sent out electronically.

Division Business – We will want to send representatives to the Mid-Winter Convention

International Business - None

**Old Business:**

Feed the Children update: No update has been received from Hassan regarding his discussion with the Lions Club. He was also going to talk with Winona Wylie to see who would be the contact for this coming year. Tim Moss met with Dr. Rueschel and Dana Isackson about this program and has also explored the possibility of Kiwanis International and a matching funds program. The people at the school system are still telling us that this is a worthwhile program.

Meeting Place: Jeremy has left a message to get a bid from Gary Sutton at the country club for a noon meeting.

**New Business:**

Ed Fulkerson has resigned. Donna Metlock will not be able to attend meetings in the near future. We will process this request as a resignation and reinstate her membership at the time of her return. A motion was made and seconded to accept these resignations.

Tim asked that the Board approve payment of \$25 to each of the out-of-town speakers during the month of August. Motion was made and seconded to approve this expenditure.

A motion was made and seconded to be a hole sponsor for \$100 to support the Golf Outing being held by the Macomb Boosters Club on August 17 as this will be a good way to get Kiwanis' name out in the community. Patrick will take a check to Jerry Cremer at Citizens.

Last week, some members of our Board met with Walter Burnett and Vicky (city) to discuss the playground at Chandler Park which will soon be in the hands of the City. They would like Kiwanis to sponsor expansion of the existing playground equipment. Kiwanis does have playground equipment companies that they are affiliated with. Kiwanis International does not provide matching funds for capital equipment, but Tim found two clubs that K-I did provide funding of playground equipment. Susan Thompson shared with the Board pictures of playground equipment they saw at Lake Station, Indiana, and from the website [www.bciburke.com](http://www.bciburke.com) (Burke Premier Play Environments). Playground equipment is very expensive. Hopefully, the new expansion can be made over a couple of years. A committee needs to be developed to work on this project. It was recommended to include Walter and Vicky as well. Jeremy will announce to club members the formation of the committee and ask for volunteers.

Tim stated that someone should approach Penny Lawer about Vicky becoming a Kiwanis member.

Sue is to get a list of gumball machines in the community so that we can determine if there are areas for placement of more gumball machines.

Benches: Tim wants to make sure there are enough members willing to work on this project before taking more orders.

The budget for the coming year will be prepared in October to be approved at the Board meeting in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Sue Dexter, Secretary