



Sparks

Grand Rapids Y Service Club Y Service clubs International Mid East Region September 23, 2011

OUR MISSION

As Y's Men International is a world-wide fellowship of persons of all faiths working constructively together based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, in partnership with and supporting the YMCA, its mission is to strive through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for all humankind.

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The meeting was called to order by President John Duiven. Brett Butler gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests were introduced:

Birthdays were recognized and many Grateful Dollars were given.

Guests were introduced: Bruce Robey a first time guest joined today. Welcome Bruce.

Business:

- President John gave an update from the board meeting.
- Bob Smith reported a financial balance is \$39,420.68 after giving \$25000 to the Camp. The balance is a set aside for General fund \$6,143.27, WES \$20,623.34 and The Run \$2,654.05.
- Syd Baxter gave a report on the upcoming Race. A lot of help is needed. Bring your mate and children and friends to help with the race. To volunteer you can contact Kathy Benoit at Kbenoit@steelcase.com.
- Tom Johnson collected dues. You can send them to his home at 824 Pinnacle Run Dr, SE, Grand Rapids 49546.
- Next meeting is at Cornerstone University see attached map. **If you are coming and did not sign the form at this meeting please RSVP John Duiven we need to know the count.**

Program:

The speaker today was Pat Folkersma-Garrett who was introduced by he husband Bill Garrett. Her talk was on Organ donation. She herself has had the third liver transplant and is very active today. Every day 18 people die from lack of a transplant. The youngest giver was 3 months and the oldest 102. The demand for healthy organs vastly outpaces those available for transplantation today. In Michigan, about 3,000 people are waiting for a transplant and new hope for life. There's no age limit for organ donation and many people with chronic illnesses, such as diabetes, are still able to donate organs. Even people with HIV and hepatitis can donate to others with the same illnesses.

Did you know?

Y's Service Club
founded an Endowment
Fund to be used to help
underwrite the
organizations
administration and
program needs.

Thought for the day:

It would be interesting
to find out what goes
on in that moment
when someone looks at
you and draws all sorts
of conclusions.

Malcolm Glad well

Next Meetings

Oct. 7, 2011

At Cornerstone Univ.
1001 E. Beltline
Speaker
Pres. Joe Stowell

Organ donation involves the recovery of lungs, kidneys, heart, liver, pancreas and sometimes intestines for transplantation to severely ill patients on the waiting list. Tissue donation can include corneas, bone, skin, heart valves, blood vessels, ligaments, tendons and other soft tissue.

When asked many of the members were willing to donate an organ. If interested join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. If you desire more information contact

www.giftofflifemichigan.org.

HELP WANTED:

The Service Club is again hosting the Run Thru the Rapids. The proceeds go to Camp Manitou-Lin.

The race is on Oct 15th and will start and finish at the DDH YMCA. We need volunteers for the race.

There are jobs for everyone, so please bring friends and family to help.

Please let us know if you have a bike and can ride a bike to be the race leader. We need two people for this position.

Please contact Kent Mudie and Kathy Benoit if you can help out. Thank you very much for your support.

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