**Cincinnati Model Investment Club Mid-Month Meeting Report**

West Chester Mid-Pointe Library – August 5, 2017

**Call to Order:** Presiding Partner Dene Alden called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. ***Guests on webinar:*** none, ***Guests in person:***

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| Jackie Koski | --- |  | Harrison Baumbaugh | --- |  |
| Ian Barnes, Education Partner | web |  | Mary Thomas | X |  |
| Betsy Eller, Financial Partner | --- |  | Gregg Hopkins | --- |  |
| Craig Jacobsen | X |  | Larry Averbeck | --- |  |
| Marty Eckerle | web |  | Frank Bicknell | X |  |
| Gerry Geverdt | X |  | Michele Grinoch | X |  |
| Dene Alden | X |  | Kate Lester | web |  |
| Latisha Douglas | --- |  | Nelson Page | --- |  |
| Richard Alden, Recording Partner | X |  |  |  |  |

**Discussion Topics:**

* Larry Averbeck’s resignation from the club will require around $12,000 to be paid out. The club currently has less than $2300 cash, requiring liquidation of all or some of one or more holdings. Valuation of Larry’s shares will be determined at the September meeting and paid out in October.
* With one less member, selling all shares of one stock would balance the number of companies and members to watch them. Selling selected holdings of more than one stock would not trim the portfolio but allow us to balance gains and losses for tax purposes and provide cash for other investments. A straw vote indicated that selling all of Schlumberger or Gilead had some support, while selling selected lots of Apple or CH Robinson was another possibility. Selling all of Cerner was also discussed as it is a non-core holding.
* Marty’s bivio review of the clubs’ MI performance relative to major index funds showed that our holdings were underperforming the market and other investment clubs. This might be due to the mix of small (fast growth) (9.8%), medium (45.9%) and large (slower growth) (44.3%) companies, with smaller companies generally showing faster growth rates and share price appreciation.
* The BI Repair Shop and Spotlight selections might provide guidance and MI’s “Ivory Soap” screen (99.44% quality, 12+% PAR) could also be used. Selling an underperforming stock and replacing it with a faster-growing alternative would balance the number of stocks and improve overall performance.
* It was also suggested that new stocks be presented by a group of two or more and that SSGs be presented earlier for member scrutiny prior to presentation and investment. In reading about clubs in BI magazine, it appears many clubs use a version of this approach.

**Next Meeting:** Regular meeting Aug 19, 2017 in Room C.

**Adjourned:** by Dene at 12:00p

---Submitted for review by Rich Alden, recording partner.