

Friends of the Lexington Council on Aging Virtual Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2021

Members Present: Peter Holland, Chair; Suzanne Caton, Sudhir Jain, Janice Kennedy, Mickey Khazam, Lorain Marquis, Shirley Stolz, Jane Trudeau, Emery Wilson, Chris Worcester

Staff Present: Hemali Shah

Guest: Christine Dean

Old Business:

- Minutes of March 18, 2021 were accepted.

Staff Reports:

- Hemali reported that 30 people signed up for the breakfast Grab&Go today. May's G&G will be a Grab&Stay with a concert.
- Hemali gave an update on the Senior vaccinations in Town.
- The Arts and Crafts gift certificates donated to the FCOA were distributed by Michelle Kelleher to the Meals on Wheels drivers. Peter offered to send the photo of Michelle handing over the gift certificates along with a story to Colonial Times.

New Business:

Christine Dean gave an update on the Sensory Garden planters behind the Community Center that the FCOA gave a Bright Ideas grant for creating and the Field and Garden Club have been maintaining. She noted that the Community Center is hoping to set up a volunteer multi-generational team for ongoing maintenance. She also requested funds from the FCOA to purchase tools to maintain the planter boxes.

During discussion of the request:

- Peter suggested that Furnstahl funds could be used for purchase
- Janice suggested that the tools be stored together and Mickey suggested that the tools be marked as owned by the Community Center
- Jane suggested that Donna Moltrup of the Field and Garden Club be thanked for her past work in maintaining the boxes. Peter volunteered to write Donna a thank you note from the FCOA
- The board voted in favor of providing the funds to purchase the tools requested.

Jane asked Christine to include OWLL information in the Recreation Department bulletin.

Christine started an additional discussion about buying a tent for the Community Center so outdoor programming can be held during inclement weather. Hemali noted that Senior programming is not often conducted outside during the summer so Seniors would not use the tent very much. It was suggested that:

- Jane will ask the Adlers if they want to contribute their fund to the tent effort by the Community Center

- Peter will talk with Christine Dean about the Adler Fund.
- Jane will talk with the Zabins about using the fund.

COA Report:

- Sudhir reported that work on the Senior Parking program is ongoing.
- Peter read a draft letter of support for the program from the FCOA board which was approved.
- Hemali will send the FCOA letter to the COA.

OWLL Report:

- Jane reported that the average attendance for recent programs has been in the mid-20s.
- Jane also reported that the OWLL programs are still financially sound.

Lexington LifeTimes:

- Suzanne reported that 34 people have submitted works for the Summer edition. The Editorial Board will meet in May to select the submissions to be included.
- Jane and Suzanne are currently in the process of getting underwriters for this edition.
- The new patron program will start to be publicized.

Publicity Committee:

- Hemali suggested that the FCOA should buy some “swag” to be included in the Grab&Go bags, especially something that will be used often.
- Jane asked if Hemali could suggest some items and volunteered to work with Janice to purchase something.

Treasurer’s Report:

- Shirley noted that fund raising is not active currently.
- Lorain discussed the P&L statement for the period from 7/1/20 to 3/31/21.

Next FCOA meeting will be on May 20, 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Suzanne Caton, Clerk