

Friends of the Lexington Council on Aging Virtual Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2021

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

Staff Present: Hemali Shah, Melissa Interest, Michelle Kelleher, Christine Dean

Old Business:

- Minutes of May 20, 2021 were accepted.

Staff Reports:

- Melissa presented the FY 2022 Budget for the FCOA which includes \$10,000 for the LexConnect Taxi Program and \$10,000 for General Subsidy for 60+ programming and services. The total recommended budget of \$20,000 for FY 2022 had been approved at the January 21 FCOA Board meeting.
- Christine said that the Community Center will open to the public on July 15, Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM. Extended hours will be added after Labor Day.
- Christine reported that a tent has been rented until October and can be used for various programs and meetings.
- Christine reported that approximately \$350 has been spent of the \$500 allotted for purchasing garden equipment for the Furnstahl Sensory Garden. A bronze plaque will be installed near the garden to recognize the generosity of the Furnstahl family.

Calendar for 2021-22:

The Board approved the proposed calendar. There will be no meetings in July or August. The September meeting will take place on September 9 so as not to conflict with Yom Kippur. The December meeting will include a holiday party, if possible.

COA Report:

Sudhir reported that the Select Board approved the Senior Parking Program for Lexington seniors 65 years of age and older. With an annual sticker, parking will be free in all metered parking spaces. The program will be operational in October.

OWLL Report:

Jane reported that the programs for Fall 2021 and Winter 2022 have been arranged and will be presented on Zoom. The Fall courses are listed in the summer issue of LifeTimes. A Zoom reception is planned for September 8 where the teachers will give brief presentations about their courses.

Lexington LifeTimes:

Peter and Jane reported that the summer issue is being printed and will be available in early July.

Publicity Committee:

Janice shared information about the ball point pens she would like to purchase for advertising the work of the FCOA. The Board approved this purchase and thanked Janice for her research on the pens.

Fundraising:

Jane reported that we will need to draft our annual fund-raising letter in the fall to send it out in November.

Recruitment:

Peter reported that the Board is interested in adding new members. Sudhir, Janice, and Peter may have possible candidates for board membership.

Treasurer's Report:

- Shirley reported on the current financial status. Please review her report.
- Lorain discussed the latest P&L statement. Please review her report.

Election of Officers:

Lorain moved and Mickey seconded the election of officers for 2021-22. Peter Holland, President; Suzanne Caton, Vice-President; Shirley Stolz, Treasurer; Lorain Marquis, Assistant Treasurer; and Jane Trudeau, Clerk.

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

ANNUAL MEETING**Approve the Actions of the Board:**

Attendees approved the actions of the Board during the 2020-21 year: increasing the funding to Human Services to \$20,000 annually from \$16,000; allocating \$500 for purchasing garden equipment for the upkeep of the Furnstahl Sensory Garden; letter of support for the Senior Parking Program: and

Annual Report, June 2021:

Peter presented the Annual Report which will be listed on the FCOA website.

Respectfully submitted by

Peter Holland