

Friends of the Lexington Council on Aging Virtual Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2021

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

Staff Present: Michelle Kelleher, Hemali Shah, Melissa Interest

Old Business:

- Minutes of January 21, 2021 were accepted.
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Staff Reports:

- Hemali reported 82% of Lexington's 75+ population has been vaccinated. As of 3/17, 25% of the 65 to 74 age group was vaccinated. The Town also vaccinated about 70 homebound residents.
- Michelle reported that there were 70 participants for the March St. Patrick's Day Grab&Go..
- Melissa reported that staff are working through issues related to reopening the Community Center. Staff is looking at outdoor activities and appointment-based indoor activities.
- In response to a question from Janice Kennedy about FISH, Melissa reported that the Town has grant money to replace FISH rides so there is no rush to restart the FISH program.

COA Report:

- Sudhir reported that the COA is working with the Select Board, the Lexington Center committee, and the Town Parking Management Committee on a Senior Parking program. The FCOA board members expressed support for the program.
- Melissa suggested that the FCOA send a letter supporting the parking program to the Select Board or the COA. Peter, Suzanne, and Jane will work on the letter.

OWLL Report:

- Jane reported that the Virginia Wolf had 29 students, the Renaissance Music course in May has 19 students signed up so far, and the Power of Persuasion course in May has 24 students signed up.
- Jane noted that the OWLL committee is considering ways to offer courses in the Fall both in person and via Zoom.

Lexington LifeTimes:

- Suzanne reported that the Summer edition will include a list of Patrons of LifeTimes – individuals who have contributed funds specifically to support LifeTimes.

Publicity Committee:

- The Lexington Arts and Crafts Society has offered 6 gift certificates for \$25 each to the FCOA. It was suggested that the gift certificates could be given to Meals on Wheels drivers.
- Janice suggested that a photo be taken of the hand off of the gift certificates to be used for publicity.
- Peter and Bea Holland wrote up interviews with OWLL instructors that were published in The Colonial Times Magazine. They will continue interviews with instructors of the Fall courses.

Treasurer's Report:

- Shirley reviewed the FCOA financial details for the board.

Next FCOA meeting will be on April 15, 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Suzanne Caton, Clerk