

## Friends of the Lexington Council on Aging Virtual Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2022

**Members Present:** Suzanne Caton (acting chair), Sudhir Jain, Janice Kennedy, Lorain Marquis, Shirley Stolz, Jane Trudeau, Emery Wilson

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

### Old Business:

- Minutes of March 17, 2022 meeting were accepted.

### Staff Reports:

- Christine Dean presented a request from the Community Center that the FCOA help fund the rental of a tent for the back parking lot of the Center. She noted that more than half of the use of the tent in the past was by Seniors. After discussion by the board, it was voted to approve paying half of the cost of the tent rental, \$4290. Christine will follow up with Shirley Stolz, FCOA Treasurer.
- Christine Dean noted that an outdoor track around the Community Center with exercise equipment stations will be started soon.
- Michelle reported that a Seniors trip to Newport took place last week. She also reported that the Seniors special lunch with Chinese food occurred last week with 50 participants.
- Melissa Interest noted that May is Mental Health month and the Human Services Department will be offering many related programs. Melissa shared the list of programs with the board via Zoom chat.
- Michelle reported on upcoming events at the Community Center including:
  - The Lexington Symphony String Quartet playing at the Center at 7 pm on April 25.
  - A Meet & Greet session with Human Services staff.
  - The kick off of the Walk Mass Challenge on April 30 from 1 to 3 pm at the Center Track.

### COA Report:

Sudhir Jain reported that:

- The closing date for responses to the COA survey about age-friendly housing in the March/April Sage is April 29.
- The COA has requested data from Susan Barrett about Senior usage of LexPress for their research into making LexPress free to Seniors.

### OWLL Report:

Jane Trudeau noted Bob Rotenberg is offering a pop-up program on Ukraine. The program will be on Zoom and will be recorded. 21 people have signed up so far. The program will start on May 9.

**Lexington LifeTimes:**

Suzanne reported that the Summer 2022 edition is well underway. Although advertising from local businesses seems to have dropped off, quite a few individual patrons have contributed.

**Bright Ideas:**

Three Bright Ideas applications have been received. The Bright Ideas sub-committee will meet in May to discuss the applications and meet with the application proposers from whom additional information is needed.

**Publicity:**

- Janice Kennedy noted that she wants to have a photo taken of the current FCOA board for publicity purposes.
- Janice brought up the issue of whether the FCOA should participate in Discovery Day this year, which will be held on May 29. The board discussed the issue and general consensus was that we should not have our own table this year. Human Services staff offered to put out FCOA promotional materials at their table.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Lorain Marquis discussed the latest P&L statement.
- Shirley Stoltz gave the Treasurer's report. She requested authorization from the board to transfer available FCOA funds from the Trustees of Public Trusts, which manages the funds. The board authorized the transfer.

The next meeting of the FCOA will be on May 19.

Respectfully submitted by

Suzanne Caton, Clerk