

Friends of the Lexington Council on Aging Virtual Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2022

Members Present: Suzanne Caton (acting chair), Sudhir Jain, Mickey Khazam, Lorain Marquis, Shirley Stolz, Jane Trudeau

Staff Present: Michelle Kelleher, Christine Dean, Melissa Interest

Old Business:

- Minutes of December 16, 2021 and January 20, 2022 meetings were accepted.

Staff Reports:

- Christine Dean presented the Community Center's request for funding for the Let's Walk program aimed at seniors. The board voted to give \$1500 to sponsor the program: \$1000 from the Furnstahl funds and \$500 from Chris Worcester's fund. Christine assured the board that the sources of the funding will be acknowledged.
- Melissa Interest announced that the Windowpane Shop, which was closed due to the pandemic, will not be reopening. She noted that the previous volunteer staff did not want to return and none of the current Community Center volunteers were interested in staffing it. Human Services staff is planning to thank the previous volunteers in some way. Suggestions from staff and the community about how to use the space are being reviewed.
- Melissa also mentioned that the Fix-It Shop is staying open. A plan to charge a fee to non-residents using the Shop is currently before the Town Manager for approval.
- Michelle Kelleher reported that the first Seniors trip occurred on March 15. The next trip in April to Newport is already filled.
- The April lunch will accept reservations for up to 50 people but after April, the lunches will be able to accept up to 70.
- Melissa noted that Lexington will take part in the Walk Massachusetts Challenge. Walk Massachusetts is a community-wide walking challenge running May 1 - October 31, and is open to community members aged five and over. A kickoff event will be held on April 30 at the Town track.
- Jane Trudeau asked if there are any Covid-related restrictions on any of the Community Center programs. Staff replied that since the Town has dropped all restrictions, there are none for the Community Center programs.

COA Report:

Sudhir Jain reported that:

- The COA has put a survey about age-friendly housing in the March/April Sage .
- The new Health Outreach Coordinator met with the COA to explain his goals and tasks.

OWLL Report:

Jane Trudeau noted that there are 3 Spring courses planned. They will all be Zoom courses. Planning for the first in-person class is underway.

Shirley Stolz reported that she has done a financial review of the OWLL program and noted that the program has averaged a profit that is used by the FCOA to finance other projects supported by the FCOA.

Lexington LifeTimes:

Suzanne reported submissions are being accepted for the Summer 2022 edition. She also noted that advertising has dropped off.

Bright Ideas:

No Bright Ideas applications have been received so far. Christine Dean noted that the Field and Garden Club may make another request for funding for the sensory garden.

Treasurer's Report:

- Lorain Marquis discussed the latest P&L statement.
- Shirley Stoltz gave the Treasurer's report.

New Business:

Jane asked Christine Dean if the Community Center will rent a tent again this summer. Christine replied that they are looking into it.

The next meeting of the FCOA will be on April 21.

Respectfully submitted by

Suzanne Caton, Clerk