

## FCOA MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 15, 2019 MEETING

**Attending:** Suzanne Caton, Dan Fenn, Sudhir Jain, Janice Kennedy, Mickey Khazam, Lorain Marquis, Rebecca Morris, Shirley Stolz, Jane Trudeau, Chris Worcester.

Staff: Michelle Kelleher, Hemali Patel

1. **Minutes** of the April, May and June Meeting were accepted.
2. We voted to appoint Sudhir Jain to the FCOA Board.
3. **Treasurer's** report is attached. We voted to request \$8000.00 from our Trustees. We voted to fund Ellen Cameron's walking program with the requested \$875.00.
4. **Staff Reports:**
  - a. Michelle reported that 45 residents went on the Block Island trip and 34 residents went to see Mama Mia in New Bedford.
  - b. Hemali reported that the Dana Home Fund has agreed to fund \$5000.00 for respite care and transportation to support short term help for caregivers of elders with chronic disabilities such as Alzheimers and Parkinsons. Hemali will assess both financial and personal need. Vendors will be paid directly and aid is capped at \$1000.00 per household.
  - c. The Dana Home Fund funds approximately \$20,000.00 per year for Town Human Services projects and personnel.
5. **OWLL.** Seven classes are scheduled for the fall. Registration will begin on September 5, 2019 at the kick-off reception where instructors describe their classes. All registrations whether sent in earlier or brought in that day will be treated as received on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Online registration will be available on September 6<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Bright Ideas.** We are once again soliciting proposals with a deadline for submission being October 31<sup>st</sup>. The judging committee consists of Hemali, Janice, Jane, Suzanne and Ellen Cameron. We have a \$3000.00 cap on our awards.
7. **New Business**
  - a. Publicity, and Recruiting/Nominating Committees have been formed.
    - i. Publicity: Chris Worcester, Rebecca Morris, Suzanne Caton and Janice Kennedy.
    - ii. Recruiting/Nominating - Janice Kennedy, Mickey Khazam, Ellen Cameron and Jane Trudeau.
  - b. We will send a fundraising letter out again in October. Dan Fenn will work on a draft.
  - c. We discussed but did not decide whether or not to do a Silent Auction again in December in collaboration with the Window Pane shop Holiday sale.

Our thanks to Janice for her leadership this year AND for a delicious brunch served after our meeting. We also confess to meeting on a lovely shaded patio on a perfect summer day.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Trudeau