FCOA MINUTES OF November 21, 2019 Meeting

Attending: Janice Kennedy, Shirley Stolz, Peter Holland, Sadir Jain, Suzanne Caton, Lorain Marquis, Jane Trudeau

Staff: Melissa Interess, Hemali Shah, Michelle Kelleher   Guest: Gerri O’Neill

1. Minutes of October 24, 2019 were accepted.
2. Treasurers Report was accepted. Copy attached. Dan’s letter has raised $5500.00 to date.
3. Staff Reports:
   a. Trips.
      i. Heritage Museum, 13 residents, 5 non-residents and Indian Head Resort, 40 residents, 8 non-residents.
      ii. Overnight to Amish country planned for 40 people. Cost $500.00 per person with $20.00 discount from FCOA.
   b. Human Services.
      i. 5000 seniors of the 8300 in Town were served with info, referrals and clinics. In addition, to 1500 contacts under 60.
      ii. 100 volunteers provided 9800 hours of service. Lexington at Home volunteers are doing one on one tutoring in the use of the Uber App.
      iii. LexConnect. 1885 total tickets sold. Average usage, 30 people using 150 rides per month. People prefer it to Uber in part because it is always the same driver.
      iv. LexPress has experienced a 2% increase in ridership.
      v. FCOA budget request for next fiscal year continues at $16,000. Copy of request attached.
      vi. Veterans Services served 240 veterans or one per business day. 900 phone calls were received.
      vii. U Mass sent out 3500 survey questionaires to seniors and received 1000 back. Human Services will present a summary at the December COA meeting.
4. Committee Reports.
   a. OWLL -203 registrations for Fall classes. There was one class, Wisdom. with 33 additional registrations cancelled because the instructor is ill.
   b. Bright Ideas. Four applications received. One is still pending with more info required and we approved $500.00 for Rheem Yared’s “Help Around Town” to fund a person to answer phone calls from Seniors looking for help with chores.
   c. LifeTimes expects to publish a Winter issue for January distribution.
   d. Janice expressed the hope that the Publicity, Fundraising, and Recruitment Committees will meet regularly. Janice announced that she will not serve again next year. The recruitment committee will be charged with finding a replacement.
   e. Janice will be away January, February and March. Our meetings will be chaired as follows: January, Shirley; February, Lorain; and March, Suzanne.
f. WindowPane shop Christmas sale. We discussed doing a raffle but need to confer with shop volunteers. The shop raises $5000.00 per year with $1000.00 of that being from their Christmas month long sale.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Trudeau