

FCOA Minutes

February 21, 2019 Meeting

Attending: Peter Holland, Mickey Khazam, Rebecca Morris, Shirley Stolz, Jane Trudeau, Chris Worcester

Liaison: Rich McDonough Staff: Hemali Shah

1. Minutes of December Meeting were not approved due to lack of quorum.
2. Staff Reports: Melissa Interest is now the permanent Director of Human Services (applause).
 - a. A new fulltime position is being created, Outreach Coordinator. Responsibilities will include home visits, clinical and mental health issues for seniors and youth and Family.
 - b. Trips. March trip to Isabella Gardiner Museum is not fully subscribed. April trip to Newport is expected to fill.
 - c. UMass survey team on senior needs will hold two meetings open to all residents of Lexington to describe survey team goals and to solicit suggestions from the participants. The meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th at 12:30PM and March 26th at 6PM. Both meetings to be held in the dining room of the Community Center. There will be another meeting for organizations which provide services to Seniors. In the Fall there will be meetings of citizen Focus groups to further delineate possible unmet senior needs.
 - d. We have invited the Transportation Coordinator to attend our March meeting. She will update us on LexConnect and MBTA options for Seniors.
3. Treasurers Report.
 - a. The Sensory Garden which we are funding with a Bright Ideas grant of 2500.00 is underway. The DPW is making frames for the plantings. The Garden Club will take care of planting and maintenance until Community Center volunteers are recruited to take over.
 - b. OWLL. We agreed that a balance of \$15,000.00 will be kept in that account with any surplus over that amount being transferred to our FCOA general funds account. The balance is necessary to bridge the gap between paying our instructors and the Town reimbursing us for our online registration.
 - c. Our Fall fundraising drive raised about \$9000.00.
4. OWLL. Courses for next Fall and 2020 Spring are in the process of being booked. We have five courses this Spring, Feb. to May, with 140 registrations to date with more anticipated.

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 15, 2019 at 9:30AM at the Community Center.

Jane Trudeau, Clerk