

Friends of the Lexington Council on Aging Virtual Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2020

Members Present: Peter Holland, Chair; Suzanne Caton, Sudhir Jain, Mickey Khazam, Janice Kennedy, Lorain Marquis, Shirley Stolz, Jane Trudeau, Chris Worcester

Staff Present: Michelle Kelleher, Hemali Shah, Melissa Interest

Guest: Betty Borghesani

Old Business:

- Minutes of November 19, 2020 were accepted as amended.
- Peter noted that the funding request from the Transportation Department will be discussed by the board at a later date.
- Sudhir presented data about Lex Connect that he had collected since the last FCOA meeting.

Staff Reports:

- Michelle reported that the registration system started yesterday and 28 signups for 2 OWLL courses were received.
- Michelle reported that 50 people participated in the Grab & Go lunch this week. Copies of the latest edition of *Lexington LifeTimes* were included in the lunch bags, along with safety tips and cards from Lexington students.
- A Grab & Go meal is planned for February that will consist of food to celebrate Chinese New Year. A New Years Grab & Go package containing items to celebrate the New Year (sparkling cider, candy, noisemakers, etc.) will be available at the end of December.
- Shirley asked if the numbers for Grab & Go can be increased. Michelle replied that Human Services is looking into it.
- Mickey asked Michelle to give her a number of FCOA bookmarks for her to distribute at Brookhaven.
- Hemali reported that the Sand for Seniors program that Human Services runs with the Rotary Club has been successful completed this year.
- Peter asked if the Human Services Department has been involved with the Town concerning dispensing Covid vaccinations. Melissa noted that Human Services is on the Town team planning the roll-out of the vaccine.

Treasurer's Report:

- Peter asked the board to review and comment on the Statement of Condition reports that Lorain has provided to the board.
- Shirley commented on the report that she provided to the board. She noted that all funds have been transferred from Brookline Bank to Enterprise Bank.

- Shirley noted that in January she will make up packets for each board member to enable them to write the annual Thank You notes to contributors. Board members will have to pick up the packets from Shirley.

OWLL Report:

- Jane reported that the Fall classes are completed, there will be 2 winter courses, and 4 spring courses.
- Michelle reported that information about the winter and spring courses was included in the January/February issue of Sage. She also sent out an email announcement about the winter courses. Discussion about the current relatively low registrations for the winter courses concluded that since the courses are online and have no quotas, people don't feel any pressure to sign up quickly for the courses.

Lexington LifeTimes:

- Suzanne reported that the Winter 2021 issue of LifeTimes has been published and posted on the FCOA web site. 300 hardcopies were printed. A limited number of copies are available to be picked up at the Lexington Visitors Center.
- Advertisers for this edition provided \$3250 in advertising.
- 95 copies have been delivered to the Community Center to be included in Meals on Wheels deliveries and Grab & Go lunches.
- Peter suggested that LifeTimes start a program for individuals to contribute to the magazine as "patrons."

Publicity Committee:

- Janice noted that the various sub-committees have been taking care of their own publicity needs.
- She asked for ideas and volunteers from the board.

Bright Ideas:

- Suzanne reported that the Bright Ideas program has not been started for 2021 yet.
- Jane asked Betty Borghesani if the COA had any suggestions for possible Bright Ideas grants. After discussing the recent COA initiatives, Betty noted that she will bring the question to the next COA meeting.
- Jane brought up the idea of providing Instacart cards/subscriptions for Seniors. Melissa noted that if the FCOA wants to subsidize the cost, Human Services would be able to develop guidelines and manage the process.
- Peter proposed setting up a program to allow neighbors to shop for their neighbors, to be managed by Human Services, perhaps involving Lexington High School students.

Fund Raising Committee:

- Jane noted that we are seeing more Pay Pal action from the web site.
- Board members noted that the web site has not been updated recently. Suzanne volunteered to contact our web master to get updates made. Jane offered to contact Marion Kilson about

updating the OWLL section of the web site. Hemali offered to send the link to the most recent Sage newsletter to our web master.

The meeting, which commenced at 9:35 am via Zoom, was adjourned at 10:34 am.

Next FCOA meeting will be on January 21, 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Suzanne Caton, Clerk