

Friends of the Lexington Council on Aging Virtual Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2021

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

Staff Present: Michelle Kelleher, Hemali Shah

Old Business:

- Minutes of December 17, 2020 were accepted.
- Shirley and Peter asked that board members write and send the donor Thank You notes that have been distributed to them.

Staff Reports:

- Hemali reported that there is no Town-wide plan related to Covid vaccinations yet. When there is a plan, notification will go out through the usual channels.
- The link where you can sign up to receive Town wide alerts, especially in regards to COVID vaccination: <https://www.lexingtonma.gov/home/pages/townwide-news-email-signup>
- Michelle noted that a winter OWLL class started this week with 73 participants.
- Michelle reported that there will be no Grab&Go lunch this month but next month, the Grab&Go will celebrate Chinese New Year.

COA Report:

Sudhir reviewed COA activities related to the Age-Friendly Initiative, including:

- A neighborhood postcard initiative was conducted in September.
- The Senior parking sub-group has had several meetings with several Town groups and is currently waiting for their next meeting with the Town Parking Management Committee. It will be recommended to the Parking Management Committee that more parking spaces be designated for seniors at the Community Center.
- The Senior shopping issues sub-group met with Town businesses and information about Town businesses that give discounts, etc. to seniors is on the Town web site:
 - <https://www.lexingtonma.gov/home/news/businesses-are-senior-friendly-and-offer-pandemic-safe-services>

OWLL Report:

- Jane reported that courses for Spring and Fall 2021 have been arranged.
- Peter read the list of upcoming classes and noted that he and Bea Holland will be writing up interviews with the course instructors to be submitted to The Colonial Times.

Lexington LifeTimes:

- Suzanne reported that submissions for the Summer 2021 edition are being accepted through April 2, 2021.
- Jane suggested that copies of the Winter 2021 edition be sent to FCOA donors who contributed \$100 or more to this year's fund raising. Suzanne agreed to handle the mailings.
- Peter suggested that LifeTimes start a program for individuals to contribute to the magazine as "patrons."

Publicity Committee:

- Janice asked what the cut off date for the next edition of The Colonial Times is. Michelle Kelleher said she would send her list of media dates to the committee.
- Janice asked whether we needed to reprint the To-Do notepads and bookmarks.
- Mickey asked that a supply of bookmarks be dropped off to her at Brookhaven.

Treasurer's Report:

- Peter asked the board to review the P & L report submitted by Lorain.
- Shirley reviewed the FCOA financial details for the board.

New Business:

- Peter and Jane recommended that the FCOA start to provide funds to discount LexPress passes for seniors, which funds formerly had been provided by Dana Home. \$3000 was the amount previously provided by Dana Home.
- Peter and Jane also suggested that the FCOA increase the amount given to Human Services to cover senior programming and additional administrative costs. After discussion by the board, it was moved and seconded that the FCOA give \$10,000 a year to Human Services for programming and administration and continue to give \$10,000 a year to fund Lex Connect. The motion was approved by the board.

Next FCOA meeting will be on March 18, 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Suzanne Caton, Clerk