

Friends of the Lexington Council on Aging Virtual Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2021

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

Staff Present: Hemali Shah, Melissa Interest, Michelle Kelleher

Old Business:

- Minutes of April 15, 2021 were accepted.

Staff Reports:

- Michelle reported that the May Grab & Go lunch was held in person outside and had a baseball theme. 24 people participated. There will be 2 more Grab & Go in person lunches in June.
- Michelle reported that a tent is being rented for the Community Center for the summer. The rent is being funded by the Fund for Lexington.
- Hemali reported on the Senior vaccinations in Town. The Town has completed their program and approximately 90% of adult Lexington residents have been vaccinated.
- Melissa noted that the Town is studying the impact of changes to the State Covid mandates on opening the Community Center. She estimated that the Community Center will probably open completely in the Fall.
- Lorain asked if the Senior trips will start up again. Hemali replied that they will probably not resume until the Spring of 2022.

New Business:

Peter reported that the garden equipment for maintaining the Sensory Garden behind the Community Center was purchased with the \$500 donated by the FCOA. He also noted that a plaque for the Sensory Garden recognizing the Furnstahl contribution is still being worked on.

Peter noted that the plan to take pictures of the gardening tools on 5/21 has been rescheduled to the following week to allow Donna Moltrup to attend.

Jane reported that the FCOA bought a small gardening bag containing gardening tools to give to Donna Moltrup as a thank you gift for maintaining the Sensory Garden for the last couple of years. Jane also suggested that Donna should be invited to attend our next meeting to show the gift to the FCOA board.

Mickey asked about the current Lexpress status. Melissa reported that ridership is up and that Lex Connect is providing rides previously provided by the FISH program which is closed because of Covid.

Jane asked about the ventilation status of the Community Center. Melissa reported that a study of the ventilation system was done and suggested improvements have been made so she believes that the Community Center is in good shape,

OWLL Report:

- Jane reported that the programs for Fall 2021 and Sprint 2022 have been arranged and the committee is now looking at programs for Fall 2022.
- An OWLL reception via Zoom is planned for September 8 where the teachers will give presentations about their courses. It was suggested that by that date, the reception might be able to be held in person outside. The OWLL committee will discuss the issue at their next meeting.

Lexington LifeTimes:

- Suzanne reported that the Editorial Board has met in May and selected the submissions to be included in the next issue. A June publishing date is planned.
- Jane and Suzanne discussed efforts to gather advertisers for this issue.

Publicity Committee:

- Peter has submitted articles to The Colonial Times about FCOA activities.
- Janice noted that she would like to order pens with the FCOA name on them for distribution. She will price them and report back at the next meeting.
- Michelle reported that FCOA bookmarks have been added to the Grab & Go lunch bags.

Treasurer's Report:

- Shirley reported on the current financial status.
- Lorain discussed the latest P&L statement.

Next FCOA meeting will be on June 17, 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Suzanne Caton, Clerk