

Friends of the Lexington Council on Aging Virtual Meeting Minutes

November 18, 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, Michelle Kelleher, Christine Dean

Old Business:

- Minutes of October 21, 2021 were accepted.

Staff Reports:

- Hemali Shah reported that over 1500 senior parking permits have been distributed. She also noted that the Town would be sponsoring a flu shot clinic but not one for COVID booster shots.
- Michelle Kelleher reported that there will be a turkey lunch provided this month and a holiday lunch in December, which will be limited to 50 people.
- Michelle noted that programming at the Community Center has been about ½ in-house and ½ on Zoom.
- Michelle reported that Senior trips will resume in February. These trips are subsidized by \$10 per person by the FCOA. Staff plans to have 1 trip per month starting in March but with no overnight trips.
- Christine Dean showed a picture of the plaque installed next to the Sensory Garden planters at the Community Center and noting that they were underwritten with funds from the Furnstahl family. Jane Trudeau asked Christine to send her that picture so she can send it on to the Furnstahl family. Peter asked Jane to contact the Furnstahl family to ask if they can participate in a small dedication ceremony during which pictures can be taken for publicity purposes.
- Christine also noted that a letter requesting that the Adler Fund money be put under the management of the Trustees of Public Trusts has been written and will be forwarded to the Town. The Fund will be used for the purpose of underwriting capital projects at the Community Center as well as expansion and improvement projects at the Community Center.
- Shirley Stolz asked the FCOA board to authorize the transfer of the Adler Fund money that has been temporarily managed by the FCOA to the Trustees of Public Trusts. The board approved her request.

COA Report:

Sudhir Jain reported that the COA is considering several new projects for Seniors including: Aging in Place issues, affordable housing for Seniors, and transportation issues such as free transportation for Seniors and mobility considerations.

Hemali noted that Jim Molloy (Town Manager) will attend the COA December meeting and FCOA members will be invited to attend.

OWLL Report:

Jane reported that the Fall and Winter programs are ongoing with over 400 participants. She also noted that Ruth Rose and Mary Hamilton will take over OWLL publicity from Chris Worcester. December 15 will be the sign-up for 4 Winter courses.

Lexington LifeTimes:

Suzanne reported that the Winter 2022 issue is underway and she and Jane Trudeau are contacting advertisers.

Publicity Committee:

Janice Kennedy requested that a new picture of the FCOA board be taken. She also noted that she still has a quantity of the FCOA pens to give away. It was suggested that pens be given to Michelle to put out at the Community Center. Mickey asked that pens be put out at the OWLL classes held at the Community Center.

Fundraising:

Jane noted that the annual fundraising letter has been sent to over 5000 Lexington residents.

Recruitment:

Peter noted that no meeting of the Recruitment committee has been held. He noted that he will talk with Human Services staff about recruiting new members from those people using the Community Center.

Treasurer's Report:

- Lorain discussed the latest P&L statement.
- Shirley gave the Treasurer's report.

New Business:

Jane noted that the FCOA needs a new project to support and asked the staff for input. Hemali noted that the COA is researching new "Age Friendly" projects (as noted by Sudhir in his COA report above) and that the COA may be asking the FCOA for funds to support their new projects in the March timeframe.

Hemali also said that she would reach out to the COA to ask them to include FCOA membership on the committees researching the new projects.

The next meeting of the FCOA will be on December 16.

Respectfully submitted by

Suzanne Caton, Clerk