

FRIENDS OF THE LEXINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 15, 2017

Attending: Suzanne Caton, Dan Fenn, Sophia Ho, Janice Kennedy, Mickey Khazam, Lorain Marquis, Elaine Smith, Carol Snell, Shirley Stolz, Jane Trudeau

Staff: Hemali Patel and Melissa Batiste Guests: Gerry O'Neil, Diana Bishop, and Janet Moran, Gary Fallick and Mimi Arens.

VOTED: TO AMEND THE BYLAWS OF THE FCOA. RESTATEMENT ATTACHED HERETO.

VOTED: TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT – JANICE KENNEDY

TREASURER – SHIRLEY STOLZ

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY – LORAIN MARQUIS

CLERK – JANE TRUDEAU

1. Staff Reports.

Melissa Batiste, Recreation Department Head. Melissa stated her mission is to provide safe, high quality, opportunities for the entire Lexington community. Recreation has received a \$27,000. Grant from the Dana Home Foundation to design fitness programs to entice new people to try exercise classes. They have also received \$1000.00 from the Community Endowment Fund to train teachers of CPR. Melissa also spoke of wanting Intergenerational Programming. We expressed our concerns about OWLL scheduling of large classes.

The Town has purchased 20 Pelham Road (the Armenian school) which will be considered part of the Community Center campus. It has full size gym and commercial kitchen.

Hemali Patel:

- a. Trips – we are offering our first overnight trip which will be to Montreal. 30 people have registered so far, we need 40 to proceed. We have two other trips with 30 and 35 registrants.
- b. A monthly Fall course focusing on Economics and Finances will be offered. We may be asked to provide honorariums to guest speakers. Hemali is hoping to enlist Peter Diamond, Nobel Prize winner, to participate.
- c. Senior participation has increased threefold to 1545 people since our move to the Community Center from the Muzzey site.

2. Subcommittee Reports.

- a. OWLL. See attached Fall schedule of courses. We are averaging about 500 registrations per year. Space at the Community Center continues to be a concern. We have used OWLL money to subsidize LexConnect, \$5000.00 and as startup money for our new senior journal, \$3000.00.
- b. Bright Ideas. We received six proposals and funded two:
 - i. We purchased a Portable hearing assisted device for use at Senior meetings held in spaces without such assistance. The library will make the equipment part of their "Lend A Thing" service. The rules that govern museum passes will be applied to the equipment which include the ability to reserve the equipment ahead of time and to be available only to Lexington residents. Cost \$1800.00 from our general funds.
 - ii. A proposal to publish a "magazine" for and by Lexington Seniors. It will include both fiction and non-fiction, illustrations, art work, poems, cartoons. We will solicit material for the first issue on an "invitation only" basis. Kerry Brandin, a graphic designer will serve as paid staff. Mimi Arens, Don Cohen, Cammy Thomas, Pam Moriarity, Pam Marshall, Robert Isenberg, and Christina Burwell have attended our first two meetings and we assume will serve as an editorial board. We anticipate two issues, one in January and another in June.

3. Treasurers Report.

- a. Account Balances as of June:
 - i. OWLL - \$20,698.23 or \$2826.30 more than beginning balance of \$17,441.93. We will use \$3000 for Bright Ideas which still leaves \$256.70 more for year.
 - ii. FCOA - \$8560.53 with fundraising appeal checks still coming into the account. Outstanding debits against this account are 2388.25 which includes \$ 1888.75 for hearing equipment. There is also a \$1320.00 Furnstahl set aside. Cash available to us is \$4852.28.
 - iii. Our Spring fundraising has netted after postage and printing expenses \$ 1886.64 to date.
 - iv. Our endowment funds are approximately \$300,000.00 which are held and invested with the Trustees of Public Trusts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Trudeau