

Notes of Governing Council Meeting

November 4, 2019

Present: Kathy Brown, Larry Brown, Barbara Bernstein, Rae Coleman, Mike Conner, Janet Cruz, Karen McCune and Carol Moynes

Guests: Denise Tuhy (member/volunteer) and Zilda Heusinkveld (treasurer Villages Northwest)

Recognitions: Kathy Brown and Kathe Fradkin were recognized for their efforts in organizing the November 2nd membership meeting. They were assisted by a team of volunteers who provided a purposeful, friendly and well organized experience for all who were in attendance.

Resource Development:

Mike is in the process of preparing the budget for 2020. He expects to have it ready for approval at the next Governing Council meeting on November 18th.

Larry reported on a recent meeting of the Transportation Affinity team.

- It is hoped that Ride Connection will continue to train the road testers for the various villages.
- Volunteer drivers will be expected to complete a four hour on-line defensive driving course every three years.
- Villages Northwest is developing a driver manual which will be based on the one that is currently being used by Viva Village.
- The Lyft fund will soon be depleted. It is uncertain if this type of support will continue to be available.

Outreach/Publicity Action:

Team members are working on a new brochure which will reflect the new language and include more current photographs and information.

Volunteers:

Barbara and Kathy continue to interview and train new volunteers who bring to the Village a wide variety of skills and interests. Of special note are the two office volunteers who have completed their training and are ready to begin taking shifts under supervision.

The Volunteer Check-In process has begun with 40 people already having submitted their survey. Phone calls, mailing and other types of outreach will take place as needed.

Membership:

There were 33 members present for the meeting on Saturday, November 2nd. Following a presentation which included the new videos that were produced by Villages NW and an explanation of the California messaging which emphasizes community and relationships, participants divided into small groups to discuss what the Village means to them. The

social time included cake and a celebration of now having more than 100 members in the Village.

The Membership Affinity Group is discussing how to address situations where a member's needs exceed what the Village can offer. As our members age, this will certainly become more of an issue and concern.

Carol reviewed the list of those who will need to renew their membership by the end of the year. She will notify GC members regarding the phone call interview assignments.

Data Management/ Vetted Vendors:

Carol was happy to report that one person has indicated an interest in working on the web site and others have volunteered to help with the vetted vendors.

Events:

Janet reminded everyone of the upcoming fundraiser at Casa Lola, November 11, 12 and 13. Flyers are available for distribution although it is not necessary to present this at the restaurant as long as the diners let their server know that they represent Viva Village.

Karen reviewed the plans for the holiday party to be held on December 5th. The invitations will be mailed this week with RSVP's being required before Thanksgiving. There was some discussion about table decoration and possible entertainment taking advantage of Village musicians.

Rae gave a brief report on Aging with Grace and indicated that the planning team will be meeting shortly to discuss how they might want to modify the program going forward. There are also plans underway to offer additional opportunities to meet and discuss the issues that were raised during the presentations.

Leadership:

Zilda, the treasurer for Villages NW, spoke briefly about her role and answered questions about letters of acknowledgement to donors, check requests and other issues related to her responsibilities.

Larry reported on a meeting he attended regarding a new Kaiser program called "Thrive Local" which would create a data base of services that could be used for referrals. There are many details yet to be worked out, but it appears this would be a valuable tool for the Village as it seeks to find resources for members and a valuable means of letting others know about what the Village offers to seniors in our area.

It was decided to purchase a new color printer for the office.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2019