

## **Notes of Governing Council Meeting**

**May 4, 2020**

**Present:** Kathy Brown, Larry Brown, Barbara Bernstein, Rae Coleman, Mike Conner, Ramona Crocker, Janet Cruz, Karen McCune, Carol Moynes and Vickie Sanders

### **Recognitions:**

Kathe Fradkin and Barbara Bernstein were recognized for their work in helping members and volunteers learn to use Zoom. Frieda Pardo was identified as one who has benefited from this outreach and is now able to join meetings and discussions via this platform.

Karen McCune was recognized for the procurement of face masks and for delivering them to members who needed them.

### **Resource Development:**

Mike shared the most recent financial statement which shows that the current situation is consistent with April of 2018 and 2019. There is still concern, however, about the future as there is uncertainty surrounding the Intel grant, membership renewals and fundraising.

Larry reported that a decision with regard to the Beaverton grant request will be made in early June.

### **Outreach/Publicity:**

Work continues on the one page brochure which will be posted on the website. The committee plans to meet next week to discuss other issues.

### **Volunteers:**

Three new volunteers participated in a virtual training and are now eager to begin providing service to members. Karen will contact them about helping with the neighborhood connections program in their respective zip-codes.

Twenty volunteers participated in the virtual happy hour. Kathy and Barbara are working on how to focus these sessions which will be held on the fourth Friday of each month.

Kathy will write a tribute to Carmela Bowns as a way of saying thank you and wishing her well as she relocates to Montana to live close to her son. Janet and Rae will send Kathy details that might be included in the article. The message will be shared with members and volunteers via the Village update.

## **Membership:**

Kathy observed that our more consistent outreach to members through the connections program has made us more aware of specific needs. It is increasingly apparent that there is an urgency to develop the Village Partner program that would provide a framework for addressing situations that require on-going support and assistance.

Carol reported that membership renewals may become a problem in the coming months if we are not able to resume services. She indicated that three members have elected not to renew at this time.

## **Data Management:**

Carol spoke about an advisory group that is being formed to work with Club Express regarding enhancements and modifications to the software. She was encouraged by the other GC members to be an active participant in these discussions as her experience in the field and with how it can be used effectively by the Villages is invaluable.

## **Events:**

Plans are being made for the Village picnic which is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup>. Nancy McNary has visited the park and is working on seating arrangements that will allow for appropriate distancing and on other modifications to the program. If necessary, the event will be postponed until the fall.

The bookclub, women's coffee and volunteer happy hour have all held remote meetings which have gone well. We will continue with these offerings and explore other possibilities. The Age Café met for the first time on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Viva Village was well represented.

## **Leadership:**

Following some discussion it was decided that the member meeting which was to be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> will be postponed until such public gatherings are once again possible. In the interim the three Governing Council members whose terms were to expire (Larry Brown, Kathy Brown and Rae Coleman) will continue to serve. Ramona Crocker and Vickie Sander were appointed to serve on the Governing Council beginning immediately. They will be formally elected at the next member meeting.

Larry suggested that a co-chair for the Governing Council be named to facilitate the eventual transition to a new leadership team.

For the present, Karen and Janet will be the Village representatives to COR (Circle of Reps).