

## **Notes for Viva Village Governing Council Meeting**

**Date/Time:** Monday June 15, 2020, from 10am – 11:45am

**Location:** Teleconference

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

### **Recognitions**

To Sharon Ziegler for making 15 masks for Viva Villagers

### **Public Open Time**

No other attendees

### **Action Team Reports**

- Resource Development and Finance
  - The Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act was discussed with GC members. Our initial discussions with Villages NW were not supportive, and we did not go forward with the application now. We will continue discussions with VNW as we think more funds will be available later this summer.
  - Autzen Foundation and Zidell Foundation: Both foundations are not taking applications for grants at this time. We will keep checking their web sites for updates.
  - Larry has a telephone conference scheduled with Megan Cohen about City of Beaverton SSGC (Social Services Grant Committee) grant scheduled for 6/16
  
- Outreach/Publicity
  - The team is concentrating on increasing Viva Village visibility and value within the greater community.
  - To increase our relationship with the City of Beaverton we will invite the new BCOA (Beaverton Committee on Aging) chair, Martha McJacobs, to meet with the Governing Council. This is important because the BCOA is the city's designated forum within the city government for seniors to communicate with the city.
  - Village Without Walls has developed a program to assess and improve in-home lighting for seniors. They are working with Habitat for Humanity. It is unclear how we might use this information or fit in to this program.

- Volunteer Action Team
  - There will be a team meeting this week, and there was a Villages NW affinity team meeting recently.
  - For the office team, about half of the volunteers would be willing to work from the office under controlled circumstances (masks, no one else in the office, office not open to members or other volunteers). Kathy and Larry will develop a list of parameters for this and send to GC members.
  
- Membership Action Team
  - We have one new member.
  - The Village partner program is coming together
  - We are waiting for the answers to our questionnaire before deciding about opening of further services to members. This is a difficult decision given ages of our members and volunteers.
  
- Data Management and Technology Team
  - No report today
  
- Events Action Team
  - Janet felt that events need to be in-person to offer connection to each other. Via Zoom those events are more like entertainment. She did suggest two new events:
    - Patio partners: One on one social meeting with physical distancing, masks
    - Start, on Zoom, a group to read and discuss essays and short stories – like a book club but shorter material. Janet will do the first one with the hope that others will volunteer to follow.
    - We discussed the pros and cons of continuing to plan for Aging with Grace. The consensus was to continue planning at this time.
  
- Leadership Team and General Topics
  - Mike and Karen have agreed to be village co-chairs. We will begin the transition over the next weeks.
  - We briefly discussed the annual membership meeting. It could be held via Zoom and have voting as part of the meeting. Some wanted to see about mail ballots.

- From the recent COR meeting:
  - Kelli Bledsoe is stepping down as the HR specialist for Villages NW
  - Karen has agreed to assist Villages NW in writing a personnel handbook and asked if others wanted to join her.
  
- The next meeting of the Governing Council is Monday July 6, 2020.