

Governing Council Meeting Notes February 18, 2019

Recognitions

- Frieda Pardo for her excellent work as lead to the Dine Around Group
- Kathy Brown for taking over Volunteer Day when Karen was absent
- Kathy Brown for formatting the newsletter.
- The volunteers that came to the follow-up date for Home Review: Dick Eyde, Mark Lewis, Gerry Lukos, Trish Reading, Larry Brown and Karen McCune.

Larry requested someone to take on the project of reducing the 738 that currently receive the newsletter and mid-month update. Rae offered to work on this.

Larry acknowledged the Governing Council members who had completed the work on defining roles and responsibilities and areas that might be assigned to a new hire program coordinator.

Resource Development.

- McMenamins has turned us down for a Friends and Family Night at the Cedar Hills restaurant. The next application period begins in August 2019. We may apply for another site such as Greenway or Murray & Allen.
- The grant request was submitted this weekend to Southminster Foundation, asking for \$1,700 for membership fee assistance. Applications are considered in March and site visits are done in March or April with awards made by the end of May.
- Larry attended an informational meeting about the Beaverton Social Services Grant on February 7. Viva Village would be eligible for consideration under the Homelessness/Housing – Senior Housing category. We can ask for operational funding and may use this for hiring. The due date is March 22.
- The past two Villages NW Resource Development Affinity meetings have focused on specific granting organizations. A list was generated. Each village can pick one or two grantors to apply to. The grant request can be for only the applicant village, or for the 10 villages in Villages NW. Villages NW hub will be applying to five of the largest grantors. Larry chose the Goodman Family Foundation that is interested in organizations that work directly with the elderly population. Their gift range is \$5,000 to \$10,000. Larry will make the decision as to whether his request will be for Viva Village or Villages Northwest. The letter of intent is due by the end of June.
- We have referred two members to local organizations for grants for repairs in their homes.

There was a discussion of the possible purchase of a van or rental from Ride Connection.

Larry is concerned that we don't have enough volunteers who can do the handyman requests we are currently receiving. One possibility considered was having a handyman on retainer for those services we are unable to fill.

Outreach/Publicity

No report this meeting.

Volunteers

Recent activity was the Home Review Day and the Fix-it Day. This was considered successful.

The revisions to the Volunteer Manual are almost complete. It will be sent to the Governing Council for review. The question came up as to whether we should put this on the website, and the decision was we would.

Membership

There was a discussion on calling members before the ice cream social. Rae will make a list of people for the office volunteers to call.

Data Management

It was requested to maintain a database of reasons people did not renew. Carol offered to add a category to the Contact Log and maintain this. Reporting would be through exporting the data.

A new volunteer has been added to the website team who should help us make improvements to the Look and Feel. Another will be trained in the near future also.

We are looking into adding the Aging with Grace videos to the website.

Events

Janet is looking into acquiring a voice amplifier for use in meetings as several members have indicated they do not attend because they cannot hear the speaker. Nancy M. has offered to meet with her audiologist to get their opinion.

A volunteer has been identified to lead the gardening group.

Life stories has grown to the point that we need to find another venue. Janet is looking at the possibility of Southminster.

There will be a field trip on May 3 to go to the Oregon Garden.

Circle of Reps

Carol and Janet attended the recent meeting of the Circle of Reps and reported.

There were discussions on the following topics.

- Ride Connection – still working on this and no changes yet.
- The MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) draft is ready to bring back to the group and then will send to the villages
- Strategic Plan – possible new volunteer coordinators for several positions.
- Discussion on adding Rainy Day village and other expansion. Several villages concerned with the ability of the Hub to absorb more villages
- Discussion on Helpful Village. There does not appear to be a final decision on whether different villages within Villages NW can have different software. Two newer villages need a definition. As representatives of Viva Village, we stated we did not want to move to Helpful Village and were satisfied with Club Express.

We discussed our concerns with some of these issues and how we might address them to the Board.

Next meeting will be March 11, 2019.

Submitted by Carol Moynes