

Minutes from Governing Council Meeting

Monday, August 7 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

In Attendance: Larry Brown, Kathy Brown, Bonnie Barksdale and Kathe Fradkin

Non-GC Participants: Janet Cruz, Carol Moynes and Jean Corn

Topics Discussed

Recognitions

- Teri for all of her wonderful service with membership, words of wisdom, perspective and getting to the heart of the matter
- Kathy for developing and publishing the Volunteer Newsletters (80% of the receivers opened the newsletter.)
- Members of GC who work a day on the office for their assistance to the success of the office and support of the Office Volunteers

Project Plan

We worked on the project plan for the rest of the year, which will become our business plan.

Resource Development Action Team Report Out

- Friends and Family Night. We have requested a Friends and Family Night at a local McMenamin's restaurant for 2017-2018. North Star Village nearly doubled the amount received from the Friends & Family Night at Chapel Pub: \$1,400 compared to \$800 last year. The request will be reviewed beginning in November.
- Community outreach to businesses. There has not been any further movement on the community outreach to businesses. We received no interest from our volunteers or membership in doing this.
- Insurance premiums. Viva Village will be paying \$281.29 for insurance premiums for the September 2017-September 2018 year. Our premium last year was \$328.00.
- Village member transfer. We have had our first member transfer from another village to Viva Village. Although the VNW board has not formally announced a policy, it is likely that this will not result in any funds being transferred to Viva Village. The new member will be due to renew membership with us 12/31/2017.
- Treasurer's report. The latest treasurer report was sent to GC members on an email message.

Outreach/Publicity Action Team Report Out

- Future publications. We will publish articles in church newsletters soon, informing readers of the Village and upcoming Village 101 presentations.
- Neighborhood HOA advertisements. We now have a new volunteer to work on the neighborhood HOA advertisements.
- Contributors page on website. Bonnie and Kathe are developing a Contributors page as part of the Resources section on the website. The GC approved the Outreach/Publicity Team's criteria to post:
 - Thank all who have been supportive from beginning
 - Start with giving from our opening in Oct. 2016. Then, ongoing by year
 - Differentiate between ongoing support (sustaining support) and event support

Volunteer Action Team Report Out

- Volunteer Round Table. We are planning for the August 24 Volunteer Round Table.
- Volunteer newsletter. The first Volunteer newsletter was sent and 80% of the volunteers opened/read it.
- Member Services. There were 41 volunteer and vendor services done in July.

Membership Action Team Report Out

- The Member Meeting. This will be held Sept 23 from 10am-noon at Southminster Presbyterian Church. The topics covered will include:
 - Introduction of new GC members
 - Update on what was done from last meeting
 - Interest groups and forums in CE – demo and instructions
 - Services requested and completed and testimonials
 - Additional needs from member perspectives
 - Socializing
- Transfer of memberships between Villages in Villages NW. This was discussed at the July Membership Affinity Group meeting. While transfers between Villages nationwide are not feasible due to the wide variations of Village structure and fees, it is certainly something we can offer our members who relocate within our Hub and Spoke Network. The Affinity Group felt this should be a Villages NW Board decision/policy. Lyn was going to take the group's recommendation to the next Villages NW board meeting. *Recommended:* To facilitate smooth transitions, transfers should be kept simple. The group recommends no transfer of funds between Villages. At renewal time, the member would renew with the receiving Village.

Technology Action Team Report Out

- Member Interests in CE. Members are starting to use Member Interests in CE; there have been 13 members that have entered their interests so far. A demo will be shown in the Member Meeting in September and then there will be follow up from that point on.

Events Action Team Report Out

- TED Talk Event. 10 people came. The Events Team all worked to set up and take down the luncheon. We might hold it alternately with the Book Club.
- Oregon State Building Blocks of Insurance event. Bonnie will go to give it a place on our calendar.
- Small Group Events. All of our regular small group events (as shown below) are currently for the public. The GC will discuss and give final input on this in the next meeting.
 - Nature Walk
 - Dine Around
 - Movie Discussion
 - Thursday Night Social
 - TED talk
 - Men's Coffee
 - Book Club
 - Concerts
 - Field Trips