

Minutes of AFSP
Via Zoom May 13
5-7pm

Members present: Chad MacLeod, Bernadette Kroon, Kathleen Babeu, Carol Kilroy, Lisa Joyce (here as a volunteer and not a member of the library), April Caricchio, Maxine Beecher, Susan Henderson, Orion Breen

Meeting called to order by Chad.

Minutes of April 8 moved for acceptance by Lisa, seconded by Bernadette. All in favor. There is no treasurer's report.

Exec Comm Report:

- Business card, note pads (Chad submitted a financial request form for note cards and envelopes and business cards with logo, totaling around \$107 dollars. All agreed with request.
- File, desk, phone request by Maxine to city manager for space in renovated area in Community Center. Manager has not given an answer. Group voiced agreement that a space has merit both for talking with people and storing materials in a file. We will continue to advocate for this.
- South Portland Pilot Project data dashboard focus altered to include COVID 19. Chad reported on introductory meeting, he, Maxine and Sue were in attendance.
- COVID 19 updates:
 - Sentry Articles: numbers to call for help from city resource page included at end of articles, more articles needed.
 - Power Point of Resource Page running regularly on SPTV
 - Trifold copy of Resource Page sent to Housing Authority who said they will copy and distribute in houses
 - SMAAA resource program that was to be at Library is available through phone (Kathleen and Abbey from SMAAA will be taking phone calls) and is publicized on city web site, AFSP facebook page, Housing Authority, Chad will write article for Sentry. Lisa reported that SP is 2nd highest user of SMAAA. There is huge Meals on Wheels need at present time. SMAAA people have met with Dwayne from Food Cupboard and Kathleen from Social Services.
 - May be able to have an exercise program similar to Matter of Balance on SPTV, Lisa working on this with Maine Health.
 - Soon to have presentation on SMAAA and 211 on SPTV. We will start with a presentation by Carol about 211 and not wait for SMAAA as they extremely busy now, but can do when able.
 - Lisa is exploring an AARP challenge grant possibility that would assist us in using SPTV to communicate with senior citizens via Zoom and regular programing to both provide information and help decrease social isolation. Brookline, Mass is gold standard for this kind of thing. This grant could be favorable as involves community engagement. Lisa is meeting with Mo and with submit grant by Friday. We hope to possibly get 4-5000

dollars that could help develop ability of the public to call in to programs. We visualize monthly or even weekly programming. (we were not eligible to apply for the grant mentioned in the March minutes)

- 207 taxi taking over from RTP vans. Because it may take a while for people to obtain reduced rates and a need may be in the present, it was agreed to allocate \$500 of our funds to Social Services to be used to assist people obtain needed transportation. Sue will submit request forms to treasurer. Maxine made motion, Chad seconded, all in favor.
- Budget: we care about the city and will take back our request for 10,000 in this year of budget cuts. We still have about 13,000 in our account and we will seek grants. Maxine will send a letter explaining this to the city manager. (lisa and Kathleen abstained from vote, which approved)

It was agreed that we would seek a grant from April's group. Chad will add the logo to the letter, Sue suggested adding "safety in home" so snow removal could be included. Chad will revise letter and send to group, Exec Comm members will sign.

Sub Committee Reports

- Communications: we will ask people for more articles, need not all be health, could be on copy at home, gardening etc. Length should be about one page (500-700 words) Send to Kathleen and Sue.
- Housing: group felt that we should wait awhile to pick up sand buckets even if it means losing a few. We need to start thinking about snow removal now. We need support and we need planning. Suggestions were that perhaps public works could take calls, perhaps the Maine People's Alliance could help plan, that the South Portland Community of Kindness could be asked about volunteers. We referred AARP volunteers to Food Cupboard, but we have been told that they could help with planning.
- Transportation: a City Council workshop about the lack of accessibility and of possibility of moving the Food Cupboard will be held on June 9 via Zoom

Next meeting will be scheduled for June 10th.

Recording

Sue Henderson