

## Notes of BrooklineCAN Membership Committee Meeting 9/9/2021 via Zoom

Present: Melissa Trevvett, Jude Kidd, Ellen Bick, Carol Caro, Marsha Frankel, Janet Gelbart

Absent: Susan Cohen, Ruthann Dobek

### 112 Centre St. Site Visit

Marsha and Ellen reported they had not been able to schedule a visit despite several emails back and forth. Most of the residents are Russian-speakers so it's doubtful that further outreach would be productive. Carol suggested renewing outreach efforts at senior public housing sites. This has not been done since JF&CS sponsored memberships several years ago. Michael Alperin, the new BHA director, is expected to be receptive. This will be tabled until we can consult with Ruthann.

\*Membership Committee will consult with Ruthann at next meeting.

### Concrete Tasks for Volunteers

Marsha felt strongly that any further site visits wait until we can provide prospective members with clear information on what we are recruiting for, not just past programs but future projects where member participation will be needed.

Carol reported that the LCAC, chaired by Susan Granoff, is meeting on September 13 and is a good place for new members to advocate for issues of importance to seniors. Members of the committee were unaware of the LCAC meeting

\* Janet will contact Susan ([susangranoff@msn.com](mailto:susangranoff@msn.com)) and suggest she publicize LCAC activities more broadly to BrooklineCan members. (Completed)

Other areas that could use member involvement:

- Zoom session on how to use BrookONline to report unshovelled sidewalks (snow buddies) and other outdoor problems
- review and update list of age-friendly businesses
- review and update availability of public toilets
- review and update vetted list of contractors and service providers
- questionnaire to active members to find out what programs they would like the Senior Center to conduct and what members can contribute to BrooklineCAN

\* Jude will discuss these areas for member involvement as well as the proposal for a questionnaire with the Steering Committee.

### Informational meeting about BrooklineCAN

This was not discussed at the Steering Committee. Potentially, the program can be streamed at the senior living communities' conference rooms.

\*Jude will contact Matt Weiss re: incorporating into an Age Friendly Interview.

### Transitions

Janet has agreed to act as Recording Secretary and Jude will schedule and prepare agendas for the Zoom meetings while she continues to recruit for her own replacement as co-chair. Melissa has stepped down as co-chair but will continue on the committee for the next several months.

### Other

Communications Committee will be updating the BrooklineCAN membership brochure.

\*Carol will circulate materials to Membership Committee for their input.

Next Meeting: October 21 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Janet Gelbart  
Melissa Trevvett  
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