

BrooklineCAN Steering Committee Notes November 20, 2019

Attendees: Frank Caro, Ruthann Dobek, John Seay, Ruth Seidman, Elenore Parker, Matt Weiss, David Trevvett.

1. Note Taker

- a. Matt Weiss

2. JF&CS funding opportunity for 2019/2020

- a. Katherine Burnes/Frank Caro – Seeking sustainable activity/effort.
- b. Katherine Burnes – Considering revisit/update of online guide to restrooms, publishing age friendly Business best practices.
- c. Other ideas discussed (Carol Seibert lead) – Secret shoppers/visits to age friendly businesses, work with Institute for Age Friendly Business Design, produce age friendly business document, survey of age friendly business needs.

3. Report on “Bridges” at Lasell University (Matt Weiss)

- a. Matt Weiss – Reported on The Intergenerational Symposium attended on 9/20/2019 (High School “Climate Action Day”).
- b. Contacts – 4 contacts from Salem, NH, Lasell Village and Bridgewater, MA.
- c. Keynote – Mike Festa of AARP.
- d. Organizations – Bridges, Lasell, Nesterly, Tufts, et. al.
- e. Salem NH programs – Reading, tennis, bocce, pickle ball, tournaments (cribbage, mah jong, bridge, billiards, canasta, pinochle, whist, poker, horseshoes, corn hole, scrabble, fan tan).
- f. Comments – Need a volunteer

4. Collaboration with Center Communities on a technology fair on June 4, 2020

- a. Steering Committee – Voted to co-sponsor June 4, 2020 Tech Fair and attend a planning meeting on December 16th at 100 Centre Street.

5. CIDCR plans for a housing affordability initiative

- a. Initiative – Affordable housing, coalition of groups, requested BrooklineCAN to support their efforts.
- b. Steering Committee – Selected Matt Weiss and Elenore Parker to attend a meeting of CIDCR on December 18th at the Health Department Building.

6. Recruitment of membership chair

- a. Committee agreed to continue search for membership Chair.

- b. Ruthann Dobek agreed to send information on attendees at events in 2019 to Katherine Burnes.
- 7. Soliciting business memberships**
- a. Carol Seibert is working on a plan.
- 8. Treasurers report (John Seay)**
- a. Healthy.
- 9. Three renewals** have not been entered yet.
- 10. Committee reports**
- a. Finance – See Treasurer’s report.
 - b. Communications
 - i. Ruth Seidman – Newsletter passed out at meeting.
 - ii. Discussion took place about the need for social events hosted by BrooklineCAN and the Senior Center.
 - iii. Matt Weiss – Noted that the next AFC-TV episode would be aired in December.
 - c. Membership
 - i. John Seay – 385 active members.
 - ii. Ruthann Dobek – Noted that 2 new volunteers worked the Eugenia Zuckerman Event (Eleanor Clarkson and Jean Dougherty).
 - d. Education
 - i. Ruthann Dobek and Ruth Seidman – Reported the Eugenia Zuckerman event was successful and wonderful.
 - ii. Event drew rave reviews with 70 people attending in bad weather.
 - iii. Event planned for spring is “Solo Aging” with Ailene Gerhardt.
 - e. Livable community advocacy committee and age-friendly city
 - i. Frank Caro – Pedestrian lighting committee is active and is a good group.
 - ii. Sarah Kaplan – Convened a pedestrian issues group.
 - iii. LCAC Meeting – December 2nd scheduled to review legislative proposals for escooters.
- 11. New business**
- a. None.
- 12. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 3pm.**