

BrooklineCAN Steering Committee Minutes February 28, 2019

Attendees: Frank Caro, Ruthann Dobek, John Seay, Matt Weiss, David Trevvett, Susan Granoff, Katherine Burnes, Ruth Seidman.

1. Note Taker

- a. Matt Weiss.

2. Report of 2019 Annual Meeting committee

- a. Next meeting of the Annual Meeting committee is scheduled for March 19th.
- b. Layouts for the Senior Center for the event were distributed to the committee members.
- c. Theme was discussed as possibly “energizing community”.
- d. The minutes were reviewed.
- e. Date was set as 9/19 with 9/12 as alternate.

3. Plans for Chamber of Commerce HeartiGras event.

- a. March 5th, 5-30-8pm.
- b. In conjunction with the Age Friendly Business campaign
- c. Includes follow through with AFB merchants and other merchants.
- d. Table will be staffed by Frank Caro, Matt Weiss, Elenore Parker and David Trevvett.

4. Election Forum planned for April 30 at 4-6pm.

- a. Planned by LCAC volunteers.
- b. Covers race for single Select Board seat.

5. TRIPPS Celebration on March 28th at 3pm in the Senior Center.

- a. Opportunity to hear accomplishments and future of transportation in Brookline.
- b. Potential for a Lyft related grant.
- c. Newton upgraded transportation for older adults with a \$400K r/f/p.

6. Strategies to attract new volunteer leadership.

- a. Need new leadership and members of committees and subcommittees.
- b. Next meeting – Need to develop actionable items for member and volunteer attraction.

7. Treasurer’s Report

- a. John Seay reported BrooklineCAN is in the black this month.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Finance

- i. John Seay and Ruthann Dobek are the Chairs.
 - ii. JF&CS may provide funding to reprint the Parks & Open Spaces brochures.
- b. Communications – Report by Ruth Seidman
 - i. Carol Caro and Ruth Seidman are leaders.
 - ii. Newsletters for March were distributed.
 - iii. Globe article on older adult issues by Robert Wiseman.
 - iv. Possible Globe article on AFB in Brookline.
 - v. Tab article in process – interacting with Tab.
 - vi. April 4th Tommy Vitolo will be on WBUR.
 - vii. Susan Granoff and David Trevvett will send draft BrookOnline article to Ruth Seidman and Ruthann Dobek for BrooklineCAN and Senior Center newsletters.
- c. Membership – Ruthann Dobek and David Trevvett reported.
 - i. David is lead member.
 - ii. Need active members to accomplish things.
 - iii. Perhaps combine needs with Annual Meeting theme.
- d. Education – Ruthann Dobek reported.
 - i. Ruthann is acting chair.
 - ii. Next - John Leland, “Happiness Is a Choice You Make” on April 25th at 6-7:45pm in the Senior Center.
- e. Livable Community Advocacy Committee & Age-Friendly Cities
 - i. Frank Caro is working on a pedestrian street lighting warrant article.
 - ii. Advocacy rally for elders planned for State House 3/11.
 - iii. Last meeting included a discussion on aging at home and aging in community.
 - iv. Last meeting discussed what BrooklineCAN can do for older adults relocating to Brookline.
 - v. Age Friendly Cities committee discussed impact OF prolonged elevator failures.
 - vi. Possible subcommittee re DPW.
- f. Member volunteering.
 - i. Communications – Committee is strong but needs added tech help.
 - ii. Membership – Need a Chair and need members.
 - iii. Education – Needs chair and membership.
 - iv. LCAC – Only one subcommittee, Susan Granoff on Taxes, otherwise too dependent on Frank Caro. Need more subcommittee leads.

- v. Repair and referrals is dying.
- vi. Discount committee is gone.
- vii. Basis for volunteering – Cause vs. commitment; Available time vs. Purpose; Skills to put to use.
- g. Repair and referrals – No report.
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9. New business – No report.

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 2 pm.