

**Minutes**  
**Volunteer Program Advisory Board**  
**March 26, 2018**  
**Youth Center**  
**16 Park Road**

*Mission Statement: “To foster goodwill and community spirit in Fairfax through volunteer activities.”*

Members in attendance: Holly Bragman, Geo Taylor, Chance Cutrano, Glenn Michelson, Marcia Custer, Georgia Gibbs. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager,; Others in attendance: Jessie Hoffman, Barbara McVeigh, David Smadbeck, Spirit Wiseman, Melanie Peratis, Maryann Maggiore

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The minutes of the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

Public Forum: Items not on the Agenda: David Smadbeck, Chamber of Commerce member and PARC community-at-large representative, attended the meeting. He was on last month’s agenda, but was unable to attend. He is interested in sponsoring some Volunteer events on behalf of his employer, Coldwell Banker. Maria mentioned the jumpee house and water slide are open for sponsors; cost is \$300 each. David indicated he is willing to cover those costs. Holly added that it is helpful to have volunteers from the sponsor on hand to help manage and oversee the children on the bounce house.

Barbara McVeigh, a local filmmaker, attended the meeting. She is requesting sponsorship to show the film “A Road Not Taken”, a movie on the solar panels installed during President Jimmy Carter’s era, which were later removed by the Reagan administration. She is interested in showing this film in the Women’s Club in April. She will attend the next meeting of the Volunteer Board to request sponsorship.

**1) Reports**

- **Chair** –Geo reminded Maria to contact Iron Springs Brewery regarding another Give Back Tuesday event to benefit the Volunteer Board in the summer.
- **Treasurer-** Marcia announced the Town account has a budget of \$2,216.88 and the Bank of America checking account has a balance of \$5,089.82, bringing the overall total to \$7,566.70.
- **Coordinator** –Marcia announced that the sign in the Food Bank is in poor shape, and could use replacement. Georgia offered to replace. Jesse will contact Katherine Harts to inform her of the plan. The Volunteers will pay for the new sign.
- **Discussion** – Maryann Maggiore attended the meeting to discuss her group called Launch, an employment agency for millennials. She stated a quarter of young people ages 18-30 are unemployed or underemployed in Marin County. She will return to the group at a future date, to discuss a possible gathering or job fair at the Women’s Club.

## 2) New Business

- a. Community garden and water bill – Spirit Wiseman gave an overview of the community garden. It has been in existence for 26 years. Since 1991, the garden has operated behind the Fairfax library, on County land. Currently there are 16 gardeners. Maria stated the Volunteers have not received a bill since October of 2016. Leslie Galliani, library employee, has stated her department is understaffed and had not been able to provide billing since then. She indicated she would attempt to get a bill mailed out later this week. Jesse Hoffman suggested perhaps Geo approach the County Administrator and ask for a waiver of the water bill charges, in exchange for the Community Garden maintaining that parcel of land.
- b. Boards & Commission's mixer – March 29<sup>th</sup> –Maria stated there are approximately 40 people attending the event. Reception starts at 5 p.m. with cocktails and light dinner, program begins at 6 p.m. with presentations, which will last about an hour. Marcia will buy the food from Whole Foods. Menu will be cheese & crackers plate, veggies & dip platter, aram sandwiches, deviled eggs, wine, and sparkling water. Holly will bring her wine glasses so the group can use. Maria will ask Public Works to set up the PA system with portable microphones. Maria will provide printed nametags. Mayor Peter Lacques will open the ceremony with a message of appreciation for all the Volunteers. Geo will report on the Volunteer's mission statement. The Chair of each committee will be asked to give a brief overview of the committee's purpose.
- c. Community Seder- scheduled for Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Renee Goddard, Mark Solomons, Holly & Maria met to plan this event. Camille designed a flyer promoting the event. Renee will officiate at the Seder. A potluck sign up has been set up by Maria. The theme of the Seder is a community wide celebration of freedom, and rise above oppression. There will be approximately 50-60 people in attendance.
- d. Volunteer Appreciation effort for 2018- the group decided to honor Dolores Scott, long-time volunteer at the Fairfax Food Pantry, and Katherine Hart, Pastor of the Fairfax Community Church, with a plaque. **ACTION ITEM: After much discussion, Jesse made a motion to host a coffee & pastries breakfast at the food pantry when the plaques will be presented; Glenn seconded, all voted in favor.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Topics for the April agenda will include: sponsorship of the picnic and holiday event by Coldwell Banker, sponsorship of Barbara McVeigh's movie at the Women's Club by the Volunteers. Geo will be out of town for the next meeting.