

Minutes
Volunteer Program Advisory Board
February 25, 2019
Youth Center
16 Park Road

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

Members in attendance: Geo Taylor, Georgia Gibbs, Jesse Hoffman, Chance Cutrano. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager. Others in attendance: Veronica Geretz, Mary Ann Maggiore, Holly Bragman, Council Member John Reed, Mallory Geithem

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The minutes of the January 28th meeting were approved.

1) Reports

- **Chair** –Geo announced he would like the Volunteer Board to host an incubator meeting once a quarter, that would be open to the public at 6 p.m. prior to the meeting.
- **Treasurer-**
- **Coordinator** –Maria stated she has not heard confirmation from Council Member Renee Goddard if she would like to lead the Seder this year. If not, it was suggested the Volunteer Board hire a rabbi for the occasion.
- **Discussion** – John mentioned that David Smadbeck asked him if the Volunteers would like to take over the Brewfest. The Volunteer Board decided it was not the right fit for the Board.

2) New Business

- a) Drake Scholarship Program** –Holly announced she would like to start a college scholarship for Drake students who have volunteered for at least one event that the Volunteer Board hosts. The program would be called “Volunteers of Tomorrow” Scholarship, and it would be a one time scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. She would fund the program. GPA would have to be between 2.0 and 3.2 **ACTION ITEM: Jesse made a motion to support the Volunteers of Tomorrow Scholarship program and supplement it with an additional \$200 out of the Volunteers checking account; Geo seconded, all members voted in favor.** Maria will verify that the applicants have in fact completed community service. Holly indicated she would like Marcia to help select the candidate if Volunteer funds are to be used. Jesse offered to help with the selection if Marcia is unable to. The program will be advertised through the e-mail blasts. Holly has already begun outreach to the high school.
- b) “Launch”- an employment program for Millennials-**Mary Ann Maggiore attended the meeting to report on the program since her previous presentation

at the Volunteer Board meeting last May. She held a job fair in San Rafael. She stated that the trades are looking for people. She indicated she would like the Volunteer's support in Board members identifying one Millennial to be referred to the program, who would attend with their parents. She will return to the March meeting to see if the Volunteer Board is successful. Following that, she will hold a meeting separate from the Volunteer Board meeting, whereby the Millennials could seek the mentoring of Volunteer Board members.

c) Fairfax Talent Showcase/Friday May 17 5-8 p.m. - Geo & Chance met twice and were wondering if there could be amplified music as part of the event. Maria will check and get back to them. They have selected committees that will work on choosing the candidates for the show. The categories will be poetry, comedy, acting, dancing, and music. There will be 6-8 acts that evening.

d) Website Report/Social Media update-Geo & Maria met with Camille. Camille will take over sending out the e-mail blasts and posting on Facebook. She has already integrated the Volunteers website into the Town's website. She will look for an alternative to the www.eventsvolunteer.com website so it can be phased out.

e) Goals for 2019-the group went around the room and discussed what motivated them to serve on the Volunteer Board. Geo brought up the topic to examine how many events the Volunteer Board can support. For the next meeting, Maria will format the Volunteer goals below that were identified at the last meeting into a format similar to the 2018 goals.

- ❖ **Building community within the Board**
- ❖ **Cultivating new Board members**
- ❖ **Data Management of volunteers**
- ❖ **Expansion of public gardening area- perhaps at Women's Club**
- ❖ **Meditation practice at Bolinas Park**
- ❖ **Support other groups in the community**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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