

Minutes
Volunteer Program Advisory
Board
July 27, 2020
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Mission Statement: "To foster goodwill and community spirit in Fairfax through volunteer activities "

Members in attendance: Geo Taylor, Marcia Custer, Georgia Gibbs, Jesse Hoffman, Chance Cutrano. Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager
Others in attendance: Spirit Wiseman, Melanie Peratis, Sam Silverstein

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The minutes of the June 15th meeting were approved.

1) Reports

- **Chair** – Geo welcomed Sam Silverstein to the meeting. Sam is interested in potentially serving on the Volunteer Board when a vacancy exists.
- **Treasurer-** Marcia reported the Volunteer's remaining Town allocated funds is \$264, and the checking account balance is \$8058; bringing the overall total to \$8,295.
- **Coordinator-** Maria announced the final chipper days occurred this past weekend.
- **Discussion** –Geo & Maria mentioned that a letter went out to potential volunteers who have not been matched with an individual in need via the COVID-19 crisis. The purpose is to engage those who might be interested in volunteer activities.

2) New Business

a) Community garden protocols/update -

Spirit Wiseman introduced herself as the Community Gardner Coordinator. Spirit keeps track of the plots and any new openings in the garden. Barbara Rozen is now the book keeper for the garden and collects the dues from members and turns the revenue into Maria, which is then deposited into the Volunteers checking account. Melanie Peratis was instrumental in starting the garden in 1999 and a Master Gardner who has visited all the Community Gardens in Marin County. Melanie is currently working with Leslie Galliani at the Marin County Library on rectifying the water bill at the Community Garden. There was a leak that occurred which has since been fixed. Leslie was working on a revised invoice before the pandemic hit. Melanie has not received an updated bill yet. The billing process has had a

few snags. Jesse suggested that the Volunteers pay a set amount to the County Library for the water bill. Melanie will propose this to Leslie Galliani. It will be about \$800-\$1,000 a year, which is what is now averaged. **ACTION ITEM: Jesse made a motion authorizing Melanie to propose a set amount be paid to the Marin County Library rather than wait to be invoiced for water bill expenses at the Community Garden, Geo seconded; all Commissioners voted in favor.**

b) Volunteer 1:1 match during COVID-19 updates –Maria stated there are currently 151 volunteers and 42 people in need. Maria oversees the program, and matches volunteers with those in crisis who need grocery shopping, prescription pick up, etc. The program has an advisory group which consists of two Town Council members and other community representatives.

c) Appointee of Board Member to Measure F Special Municipal Tax Oversight Committee- Maria described the assigned role. Jesse offered to serve as the Measure F representative for the Volunteer Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 24th.