

Minutes
Volunteer Program Advisory
Board
January 25, 2021
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, Jesse Hoffman, Sam Silverstein.
Staff in attendance: Maria Baird, Recreation & Community Services Manager, Council Member Chance Cutrano

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The minutes of the November 16th meeting were approved.

1) Reports

- **Chair** – Geo announced he had invited Chance to the meeting to discuss a video archive time capsule under “ Goals & Objectives”.
- **Treasurer-** Marcia reported there is \$6,082 in the Volunteers checking account at Bank of America. She added there is \$827 left from the \$3,000 donation that was made at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, after the purchase of masks and hand sanitizers for the volunteers of the 1:1 program. There is still \$3,335 in the Town’s Volunteer budget allocated funds.
- **Coordinator-** Maria stated she had e-mailed the Goals & Objectives from 2020 to the group prior to the meeting as a reference point for tonight’s discussion.
- **Discussion** -Jesse announced he would be able to provide trash bags & gloves for the clean-up days that are being held on the first Sunday of each month by Nancy Clothier and Chance Cutrano.

2) New Business

- a)**Spring Egg baskets in lieu of egg hunt** - Maria stated that Anne Mannes of the Recreation Department had suggested that perhaps the Volunteer Board would want to help assemble Easter baskets similar to the wreathmaking kits since the Egg Hunt would not be able to be held this Spring due to the pandemic. She added that Anne had indicated that PARC could pay for the supplies, i.e., candy, coloring books & crayons from local businesses as an effort to support local merchants. Geo asked how many

baskets would be provided, Maria replied 100. Marcia added that the Volunteers have extra money available this year, since no events have been held, and suggested offering to help pay for the basket supplies. **ACTION ITEM: Jesse made a motion to support the assembly & distribution of Easter baskets this year, to bring joy to the community; Marcia seconded; all Board members voted in favor.** More details will be discussed at the February meeting.

b) Goals & Objectives 2021- Geo announced he has been wondering how the Volunteer Board can support the community during this time of COVID and restrictions on events & gatherings. One idea he had was to do a video archive, and interview people outside of the Gestalt House on how the pandemic has affected them. The videos would be short 3-5 minute interviews, and would be posted on the Town's website. He suggested conducting 20-30 interviews, socially distanced, of course. Marcia suggested Bolinas Park may be a better venue for these interviews, since there is more room and a pop-up tent could be set up, and more locals congregate there. Chance added that the Mill Valley Library had conducted audio interviews, following the 2016 presidential election. Jesse suggested perhaps Cassidy DeBaker of the Climate Action Committee might be interested in conducting these interviews, since she was working on Historical Archives of the Town. Maria will check with her. Sam offered that perhaps high school students might also want to take this project on, and will discuss it with his daughter, who is a local student. He thought that Drake's Jolly Roger school newspaper might be a good resource.

Some other projects that Geo thought might be of interest to the Volunteer Board is finding artists to spruce up the mural that is on the side of School Street Plaza, near Fairfax Lumber. Maria noted that is private property. Geo will reach out to the owner, Fred Ezazi. Maria noted it might be time for the mural on the ball field to be re-painted, and that is on Town property. The group will reach out to PARC, the Artists-in-Residents, and high school students. Geo added the Volunteer Board could pay for the paint. The Goals & Objectives will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Chance added that some other projects the Volunteers might want to support is the skate park that PARC has been asked to research, and the stationary fitness stations that PARC is considering at Peri Park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.