

Minutes
Volunteer Program Advisory
Board
May 17, 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, Penny McPhail, Good Fairies

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The minutes of the April 26th meeting were approved.

1) Reports

- **Chair** – Geo announced he would like to recruit more volunteers through the artists that are re-painting the mural on Merwin Street.
- **Treasurer-** Marcia announced there is \$7,577.84 remaining in the Bank of America checking account, and \$2,398.27 left in the Town's Volunteer budget.
- **Coordinator-** Maria announced she will purchase 10 canopy tents this fiscal year.
- **Discussion** -Geo stated that he sent an e-mail to Garrett requesting permission to use water from School Street plaza to use for power washing the mural on Merwin Street prior to re-painting, given the drought and imposed water restrictions.

2) New Business

- a) Solicit donations for cleaning services for seniors per Good Fairy request** – Penny attended the meeting to share information with the Volunteer Board that the most requested service from seniors since the pandemic that her organization cannot assist with is housecleaning. The Good Fairies started a GoFundMe page to raise money for this service. For \$100, a housecleaner can be hired to perform a 3-4 hour deep cleaning of a seniors home. **ACTION ITEM: Marcia recommended that the remaining \$825 that was brought in at the beginning of the pandemic via an anonymous donor could be directed to the GoFundMe account**

that has been set up for this purpose; Jesse seconded. Geo asked Maria to run this by Garrett for final approval.

b) Town-wide picnic- September 19- A discussion regarding hosting the picnic followed pending the State of California's lifting of the Shelter-in-Place order on June 15th. Marcia inquired if the Volunteers could sell beer at the event. Maria will check with Garrett. Maria added that Iron Springs may not be able to donate the beer that they have in previous years, given the restrictions on restaurant and bars this past 14 months and lost revenue. Maria added that she could seek donations from Fairfax Lumber and Good Earth Natural foods, since their business has not seen a downturn during the pandemic. Geo added perhaps some new businesses in Town could be considered for sponsorship; Maria added perhaps Peruva's Automotive could be approached. Maria will reach out to Tom Finch to see if his band would like to perform at the picnic. Attendees will bring their own picnic lunch.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 28th.