

**Minutes**  
**Fairfax Volunteer Program**  
**Advisory Board**  
**October 25, 2021**  
**6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**

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

Members in attendance: Geo Taylor, Marcia Custer, Jesse Hoffman, Sam Silverstein.

Excused: Holly Clarke

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 August 23 meeting were approved.

**1) Reports**

- **Chair** – Geo stated he would like the Board to consider hosting a Boards & Commissions mixer in the future, as well as an Open Mic event. The Board will consider these items as part of their goals for 2022.
- **Treasurer-** Marcia announced there is \$2,732 remaining in the Bank of America checking account, and \$3,802 left in the Town's Volunteer budget.
- **Coordinator-**Maria added that perhaps the Boards & Commissions mixer can take place in March of next year, and the Open Mic in May of 2022.
- **Discussion** –Council Member Cutrano announced that a special virtual workshop on the Housing Element will be held on November 20 from 2-6pm.

**2) New Business**

**a) Town-wide picnic – re-cap** – Marcia distributed a breakdown of picnic expenses and revenue. Overall, the picnic experienced a deficit of \$700 this year, mainly because of decreased sponsorship funding. Due to the pandemic, not as many businesses were approached for sponsorship. The highlights of the picnic included the animal show. The Board decided they would definitely like to invite Tracy Hill who runs the animal show back again.

**b)Holiday wreathmaking event-** Maria proposed the idea of combining the wreath making with the Holiday Crafts Faire this year, which will be held on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion. She has discussed this with the Recreation Department, who favors the idea of combining the events. The wreath

making is typically offered at the Women's Club, along with caroling and a potluck. The audience is normally families with young children and includes a visit from Santa Claus. Due to COVID restrictions still in effect and masking requirements, having the event at the Pavilion can provide for increased social distancing based on the size of the building. The wreathmaking could perhaps take place outdoors under tents in the rear of the building. **ACTION ITEM: Geo made a motion to combine the events, Jesse and Sam voted in favor.**

Marcia wanted to make sure the event does not lose its identity due to merging the two. Jesse suggested we try it for this year to see how it works out, and then we can decide how to proceed in the future. The last item in regards to the holiday event was pursuing partnering with Big God Ministries, a non-denominational church in Marin City to see if there can be some sort of collaboration with the volunteers. Maria will reach out to Pastor David Hall to see if there is a youth choir that can sing at the event.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on November 22.