

**Age-Friendly Maple Grove  
Leadership Team Meeting**  
September 11, 2020 | 8:30am-10:00am  
Webex Meeting

*Attendees:* Jim Betzold, Liz Faust, Karen Jaeger, Tim Conaway, Patty Anderson, Marie Maslowski, Lydia Morken, Kelly Swanson, Cheryl Theuninck, Mark & Nancy Carpenter, Giannina Posner, Kris Orluck, Ioana Childs/Beehive, Jane Warren, Jeanne McTootle

## MINUTES

### **Welcome, Introductions, Overview - Lydia**

Introductions were made.

### **News and Updates - All**

1. Iona Childs – Owner, Beehive Homes of Maple Grove, 14901 Weaver Lake Road  
Presented information about their memory care services and Covid-19 safety measures. Zero cases thus far, staff or resident. Currently, they have seventeen residents, with twenty being maximum occupancy.  
Tim asked about potential volunteers. At this time, they are only open to inside visitors designated as Essential Caregivers.
2. Patty Anderson and Marie Maslowski  
Lydia welcomed Patty as new co-chair of Community Health & Services subcommittee. Patty spoke of Qtrs. 3&4 and her/Marie's desire to develop stronger relationships with the MAAA and Juniper programs. They also will be arranging meetings with the TwinWest Chamber of Commerce and Sgt. Watson from MG Police Department Crisis Training.  
Marie described courses and said many are going virtual. Some cannot. exs. Stepping On and Suicide Prevention. A virtual Mental Health/First Aid class for 55+ will be held for the first time on 12/2. Attendance will be limited to 20, with wait list started after reaching that number. Participants will be required to complete a two-hour prep. before they can attend the free six-hour class. The course will be taught by a professional from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). A flyer is being prepared outlining the course details. Marie asked for assistance in getting information out about the class to committed individuals. Tim volunteered to share with Maple Grove Lions. Nancy suggested that with 20-person class limit, possibly enlisting volunteers via one representative from several different Maple Grove-based groups would be appropriate. Marie will follow up with flyer/more information as becomes available.
3. Liz – City of Maple Grove  
Outdoor pool is closed for the season. Indoor pool is closed until 10/4 for cleaning. More senior classes are being offered with limited numbers on a monthly basis. Courses not receiving minimum participation will be cancelled. Town Green summer concerts are finished for the year.

The fall Parks & Rec brochure is digital, allowing for easy changes. A paper copy is available at the front desk of the Community Center, but is not being mailed or updated. Liz asked for recommendations for Indoor-Outdoor-Virtual classes.

Giannina asked Liz about maximum participants inside community center rooms, stating her desire to reinstate the grant program she is involved in that got interrupted by Covid-19 closures. Liz said it depends on class, size of room used, etc., and gave examples. Giannina stated that the Three Rivers Parks have been used by many residents for the first time this summer and fall, including many people of color. A new program example offers camping kits that can be used for a weekend.

4. Jim – Maple Grove Rotary

A new Environmental group has been formed.

Difficult to recruit Jr. Rotarians with just virtual access.

5. Tim – Maple Grove Lions

Concert on the Lawn has been cancelled. Last year's inaugural event was very successful, with over 2000 attending. Other major events lost this fall due to Covid-19 are the Waffle Breakfast and the Craft Fair. Lions will, however, continue the Holiday Basket Giving Program in conjunction with the Maple Grove Fire Department.

Tim asked AF-MG membership to contact him with any fundraising ideas for the MG Lions so that they can continue to give to the community during times of critical need. mctimc@gmail.com.

6. Lydia – AARP MN Virtual Conference – Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>

Opportunities to share projects – specific theme unknown currently.

Panels – speakers – experiences ex. Projects as responses to Covid

Lydia gave examples of AF-MG Zoom Interviews, CCX Cable TV - Information dissemination, NAMI Mental Health class and asked for other ideas from membership. l.morken@gmail.com

### **Upcoming Q3/Q4 Meeting with the City – Lydia**

- Meetings will be held three times a year with city professionals incl. Chuck Stifter (Parks & Rec), Joe Hogeboom (Economic Development), Heidi Nelson (City Administrator), etc. and will include AF-MG contributions to topics incl. Transportation, Housing, etc. Leadership Team invited to attend the next Zoom meeting, date and time TBA. Lydia will follow up.

### **Website/Facebook - Kris**

- August website analytics results were shared (attached).
- Website home page changes are in process/Tom from Avallo is updating.
- Lydia displayed the Facebook page.
- Tim gave the suggestion of a Zoom interview to promote the website and Facebook.
- Lydia suggested providing the link to the article about AF-MG volunteering that appeared in the recently published MG Fall newsletter as a post to Facebook.
- Thanks to both Karen Jaeger, City Council member and Heidi Nelson, City Administrator for providing AF-MG updates regularly.

## **Subcommittee Updates**

- **Housing – Lydia**
  - Next meeting will be in October.
  
- **Transportation – Cheryl**
  - See above.
  - Research report underway
  - Mark Carpenter and volunteers have completed 26 Walking Audits. Mark will generate and distribute summary to John Hagen, city Traffic Engineer, and to AF-MG membership and volunteers when completed.
  
- **Civic and Social Involvement - Liz**
  - Initiatives include reviewing tablet use, expanding senior programming, investigating virtual volunteer opportunities including school tutoring, and receiving more information about virtually auditing college courses from home and Coursera.
  - Subcommittee is meeting next week.
  
- **Communication - Kris**
  - Zoom interviews have been very successful. Kris thanked Tim and Chuck.
  - Other interviews are in process, including one just completed with Jennifer from Comfort Keepers regarding home healthcare and Covid-19 safety measures.
  - Kris will continue to seek potential interviewees from list generated thus far and welcomes suggestions for future Zoom topics. kris.orluck@gmail.com
  - Branding & messaging small group meeting will be held in September.
  
- **Community & Health Services – Marie/Patty**
  - See above

***Next Meeting: Friday, October 9, 2020 | 8:30am-10:00am***