

Minutes
Age-Friendly Maple Grove Leadership Team
April 9, 2021, 8:30am-10am | via Webex

Attending: Liz Faust, Mark and Nancy Carpenter, Cheryl Theuninck, Jim Betzold, Giannina Posner, Patty Anderson, Tim Conaway, Jeanne McTootle, Carmen Mazzuchella, Lydia Morken, Deb Stock, Chuck and Pat Schwalbe.

News and Updates

- Tim – Maple Grove Lions
 - Upcoming Events
 - MapleGroveHalfMarathon.com Saturday, May 15th
 - MapleGroveLions.org/golf-classic Friday, June 11th
 - Maple Grove Days –The corn feed returns! Saturday, July 10th
 - Concert on the Lawn – great bands! – Saturday, September 18th
- Liz – City of Maple Grove Parks and Recreation 55 Forward programs
 - Finalizing Summer Activities Brochure; many classes for 55+ will still be outdoors and drive-in events due to COVID; programming will be adjusted as needed.
 - Community Center Redesign in discussion – Liz will update as more becomes known.
 - May 14th Team Leadership Meeting – Liz will be absent for that meeting.
 - Intergenerational Garden – partnership with city and AF-MG
 - The MG Teen Center and Senior Center are partnering on this first-time program. The garden will be on Community Center grounds this year with option to reevaluate after the first year; it is convenient and water sources are available. Beds will be raised. The program is free but participants must register. It will be advertised in the upcoming summer brochure.
 - All AF-MG members were also invited to attend the first introductory event.
 - May 20th – Thursday, 4-5 Community Center
 - Discussed photos, possible blog, and other avenues of marketing/documenting.
- Pat Schwalbe – Volunteer Director/Community Engagement, [CROSS Services](#)
 - MN FoodShare month is complete! Great participation! Final numbers not yet available in terms of dollars raised and pounds of food collected; forthcoming.
- Giannina Posner – Community Engagement Specialist, [Three Rivers Parks](#)
 - Parks are busy and golf courses also open.
 - April bike challenge. Many activities beginning.
 - Hennepin Public Co. Health “Step To It” program, May 1-28.
 - Giannina assisting with promotion to the local Latino communities.
 - Barriers to registering in general include language and online registering.

Older Americans Month – May – Administration for Community Living (ACL)

- Lydia and Communications Team
 - Lydia and Tim discussed multiple ways that may be used to recognize incl:
 - Osseo-Maple Grove Press ad

- Articles
- AF-MG Website and Facebook
- Maple Grove restaurant and shopping discount list
 - Mark and Nancy introduced/first one will be published by May 1.
 - Requested volunteers that could contact sit-down restaurants they are familiar and associated with to ask for a discount in May (and beyond if possible). Please e-mail Mark at vikesfan321@gmail.com with any ideas or to receive a letter describing Age-Friendly and the discount program to use as a template for starting the discussions.

Age-Friendly Housing Brief

- Lydia shared the most recent draft of the Housing team’s housing brief slated to be shared with the City as they contemplate housing plans this spring.
- Provided highlights and recommendations of the Housing Brief draft copy. Leadership team members asked questions and gave comments. Team members were asked to reply with any additional comments to Lydia by this Wednesday, April 14th at l.morken@gmail.com

Dementia Grant Survey

- Patty, grant chair,
 - Survey has been completed; with paper and online copies distributed next week.
 - Patty invited LT members and other minutes recipients to share the survey with Maple Grove residents who have had family experience with Alzheimer’s or other dementia.
 - Wider distribution going out to community members, caregivers, support groups, etc.
 - Patty wrote a prelude to briefly introduce the survey that people may use when requesting participation from people in their own networks.

Year 2 Progress Report – Lydia

- Report contents and format presented briefly by Lydia due to time limitations. Lydia thanked subcommittee chairs and members for the time spent in contributing to the report and progress of the AF-MG initiative. Members provided positive comments about the streamlined reader-friendly report. Lydia asked for any additional comments by this Friday, April 16th at l.morken@gmail.com
- The report will be shared with the city next week.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Fundraising – Mark**
 - Mark thanked Kelly Swanson and MHealth Fairview for their donation to AF-MG. This is the fifth consecutive year of sponsoring the AF-MG initiative.
- **Social and Civic– Liz**
 - Intergenerational Garden (discussed above)
 - Subcommittee identifying networks for older adults to connect with local and national, with possible at-home opportunities, and how to also utilize existing volunteers better.

- **Housing** – Lydia (above)
- **Communications – Tim**
 - Article submitted for the summer edition of the City Focus Newsletter.
 - Tim thanked all contributors for the team effort.
 - Website and Facebook usage numbers continue to rise.
 - April ad ready for the Osseo-Maple Grove Press front page.
 - Tim creating the ad for the May edition; will focus on Older Americans Month.
 - Chuck interviewed Local Celebrity Liz Faust on Zoom recently.
- **Community and Health Services** – Patty (above)
- **Transportation** – Cheryl
 - Plans are being made to meet with city and county leaders to discuss the transportation team’s recommendations.
 - Other action items from year three are in progress.

Next meeting is Friday, May 14, 2021.