

SHARE MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2022

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Google Meetup Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Aditi Jariwala, Kellen Leister, Carol and Steve Mournighan
Laura Rees, London Russell, Kathy Allen, Michelle Shaw, Radhika
Samant, Ron Kelley, Randy Glantz, Molly Hockman, Soheyla
Mahmoudi, Erica Shane, Robyn Smith, Nancy Najarian, Nicki Watts

Steve Mourningham called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Recognition: Fairfax County recognized Share and 20 other CBOs and organizations for our help through the pandemic.

Furniture Program: Steve walked us through the reorganization of the furniture program. There was a 3-hour meeting during which was identified:

- 1) Need for a Program Manager (PM) (a volunteer) to help with clients and donors. Preferably a retiree.
- 2) Need for a facility (storage) in order for PM to manage inventory; Need a facility manager.
- 3) Need to condense the time of furniture delivery so that the volunteers end approximately by 1 p.m. on a Saturday.
- 4) Pick and drop off days will rotate. Saturday #1 is for picking up furniture; Saturday #2 is for delivery of furniture.

The facility manager will organize what is going in, and what furniture is going out.

Currently, Molly Hackman is the scheduler. Randy and Stu manage the volunteers. Stu will maintain the trucks. Procedures are to be developed so that each person and truck know what to do.

In December they will try to alternate Saturdays, 12/3/2022 pickup, 12/17 delivery, 12/31 pickup. Will continue that schedule in January and beyond.

We should visit some faith-based communities and let them know we need volunteers both for furniture and other programs. Also find out if anyone has spare space for the furniture storage facility.

Randy, Molly, London, Stu and Steve will have a weekly meeting to further develop the furniture program and implement these reorganization ideas .

Food and Clothing: Erica reported that we are right on budget. We are buying a lot of food. At one-third of the way through our budget year we are one-third of the way through the budget itself. For back to school, we were under budget. We spent \$12,000, which was less than we took in. We had budgeted \$23,000. Donations in November, December and January are important, and it is too soon to know where we stand on those. We are well set for buying gift cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Family Assistance: Shared that Carol Tripletti was in a car accident, and is now in a long term care facility.

September, October and beginning of November are expensive months. The county is not giving as much money out as during the previous times of the pandemic. Housing is approximately \$33,000. Fairfax County rents are astronomical. Lots of folks move into a place for which they cannot pay rent. Trying to help the folks that need it the most. Those who are disabled, having mental or physical health issues. Used \$7,600 for utilities for 21 families.

Treasurer's Report: Kellen reported that Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized Share of McLean among 21 CBOs. We received a Plaque and a Resolution recognizing our involvement in programs and the County's appreciation.

For every \$ spent by the CBO, it would cost the County 5 times the amount to replicate that \$.

Donations are a little higher than what we see typically for September and October. Family Assistance is running a little higher than what we normally see. We may revisit that part of the budget once we reach the end of 2022. We used 41% of the budget in first 3 months. Kudos to the coordinators. It is not easy to be shut down by 10 a.m. having spent all the resources that week. 48 families were helped, with 21 families in the area. We help 1-2 clients out of the area each week. Those were mostly in early September. More recently the lions' share of assistance has gone to families in the area.

Food and Clothing Continued: Scouting for food is next Saturday, so food donations should be up. For Thanksgiving we are doing four hand outs: to Lewinsville and Fallstead we are making hand deliveries. The numbers have increased in the food room. There used to be 30-50, now we are serving 50-70 households. We have 2 senior days – the first and third Thursdays in the month.

Laura reported that senior days seem to be fine. Nicki is looking for a driver for the bus that transports folks from Lewinsville and Fallstead. Person needs to be 25 years of age or older, have a valid driver's license, and be available two times per week.

Holiday: Just under 300 families registered for Thanksgiving. Last year we had 100+ seniors, and just 275 families. We used ¼ of the budget for Thanksgiving related food. We are still gearing up for December holiday.

Computer Refurbishing:

London reported about the network upgrades to the food pantry and clothing room. Upgraded the food pantry laptop from Mitre.

We are looking for an adult to sponsor the computer lab. Just need adult supervision on Saturdays during the food pantry hours.

The meeting ended at 9:05 pm.

Nancy L. Najarian
Secretary