

## SHARE MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2022

Zoom Meeting

**Attendees:** Kellen Leister, Carol Mournighan, Don Frickel, Erica Shane, Randy Glantz, Nicki Watts, Molly Hockman, Soheyla Mahmoudi, Nancy Najarian, Laura Rees, Mimi Granados, Christiane Shipley, Karrie McMillan, Kathy Allen, Aditi Jariwala, Robyn Smith

Don Frickel called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kellen reported that there is \$363,462 in the checking account and \$127,583 in CD's at United Bank. In addition, during February, Fairfax County allocated \$600,000 in ERA2 money to be dispersed by SHARE family assistance coordinators as agents for Fairfax County in order to support residents' utility bills and rent / mortgage payments. After valiant efforts by Financial Assistance coordinators, SHARE dispersed all but \$39,207 in February, which amount will be dispersed in March. In all, 250 checks were issued.

Donations in January / February amounted to \$5,756, which is lower than usual, but so far donations amount, year to date, to be \$476,521, which is 105% of what we expected all FY 2022, so SHARE is ahead of its anticipated donations with 4 months to go in the fiscal year.

Financial Assistance is on budget, having spent 67% of their budget so far. The transportation program incurred an expense of \$3,793 when a catalytic converter was sawed off and stolen from one of the trucks: insurance will pay that back minus the deductible.

The Food and Clothing room continues to receive most of its food and clothing through donations, and does well keeping expenses down.

**Food and Clothing Rooms:** Nicki reported that openings are going well: in January 230 families were helped, and in February 258 families were helped. In addition, residents of the Lewinsville (135) and Falstead (37) retirement centers are helped twice a month. Two Afghan families are being supported by McLean Baptist Church, with SHARE providing food. The Easter holiday gift card program is being ended. Giant is helping with rolling food drives, and Fairfax County is holding a “Stuff the Bus” campaign at the Dranesville Government center in March, which will provide food to SHARE. Canned fruit is especially needed.

**Computer Program:** Nicki reported that demand for refurbished computers is down. There are none in stock, but MITRE Corporation is restarting their program to provide SHARE with replaced laptops next month (MITRE provides their staff new laptops every two years). There is need for an adult leader.

**Family Assistance:** Carol reported that Family Assistance is continues to pass out approximately \$60,000 a month, with SHARE contributing up to \$700 in Fairfax County packages which go to out-of-area residents, particularly in the Route 1 Corridor and the areas around George C. Marshall High School: out-or-area payments equal nearly \$15,000 a week. In addition to the ERA 2 efforts, in February, using SHARE funds, coordinators helped 172 households, with rent (\$57,579), and utilities (\$22,510). Coordinators are getting 80 calls a week for assistance. As mentioned in the Treasurer’s Report, almost \$600,000 was dispersed for Fairfax County in February.

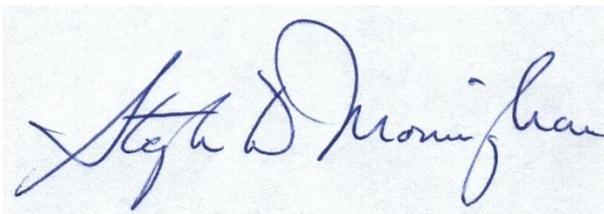
**Furniture:** Molly reported that an Afghan family had been referred to her, but their needs exceeded what SHARE can provide. Soheyla reported that she will help by taking a more holistic approach to assist the family and will start a project that she will lead. Molly is looking for volunteers, and she has found a group in Arlington who may be able to

help, but she says that new ways are needed to attract volunteers. This lead to lots of discussion among the attendees.

**Back to School:** Sherri reported that the program had grown to over 300 students, and was becoming unmanageable. There is a need for a new strategy for the program which intensifies in the June to mid-August time frame. Her suggestion is to distribute Target gift cards to the students to let them buy what they need. The issue is space: past practice of buying supplies and distributing boxes does not work anymore. Sherri and Robyn will develop recommendations for the Board.

**Newsletter:** Randy reported that Karrie and Aditi are leading an effort to create an electronic SHARE newsletter. They want to put it out monthly, beginning in the Spring. A draft outline was presented: Spotlight on what's new and important; articles and features on events, initiatives, and outreach; volunteer needs; food pantry requests; calendar; SHARE in the news, with links to other websites. There will also be a "donate" button. Discussion led to the suggestion that SHARE partners, like Giant and Walmart, also be highlighted to the McLean community.

The meeting ended at 9:15 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Steph D. Monaghan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'S'.

Secretary