

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2023, 7:00 PM

Attendees: Barbara Rose, Julie Stanish, Chris Files, Aki Peritz, Cathy Wolf, Tambra Leonard, Quynh Tran, and Irene Lane (Council Liaison).

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Approval of December 2022 minutes by Chris Files and seconded by Cathy Wolf.
- Public Comments: none were submitted

OLD BUSINESS

Events/Community Service

- December Events
 - Tuesday, December 6 – Monthly Town Coffee (Chris): Chris will determine if she will continue to lead as a monthly event on Tuesday mornings given low turnout.
 - Friday, December 9 – Theatre Night, *The Tempest* (Irene): Committee agreed success warrants looking ahead for upcoming shows to repeat group purchase – with continued focus on the featured show vs. adding pre/post event.
 - Sunday, December 11 – Children’s Business Fair / Holiday Bazaar (Quynh): Unclear level of Town engagement, but this is a low lift with high engagement from community at large.
 - Saturday, December 17 – Reflections on War Time Ukraine (Cathy): Well-attended by ~30-40. Cathy to look into repeating, possibly hosting at her home for better acoustics.
 - Sunday, December 18 – Holiday Sing-along (Quynh): Increase number of stops with shortened duration; increase number of songs, possibly including Hanukkah and other songs. Continue encouraging safety gear and include bells and walking dogs. Continue as holiday tradition.

Upcoming Events and New Business

- January Events
 - Tuesday, January 10 – Monthly Town Coffee at 10am (Chris): Chris to use turnout to assess continuing event.
 - Thursday, January 12 – Aki’s Discussion & Desserts for *Disruption* (Aki): Aki to lead with support from Barbara and Julie. Aki to follow up with Julia re: leftover wine and Town Office re: Slide prep.
 - Friday, January 20 – Family Movie Night: Tambra to lead with support from Dian and Barbara. Coco as movie. Pizza to be served with water and possibly juice boxes (recyclable).
 - Sunday, January 22 – Playdate in the Park @ 3pm (Amanda, Anne & Quynh): Amanda and Anne to coordinate and consider Lunar New Year – Rabbit as possible theme.

Possible Future Events

- Tiki Party – Feb 24: Julie to lead with support from Dian, Tandra, and Quynh. Julie to look into catering with Foong Lin restaurant.
- Wine-tasting – date TBD: Julia is interested in co-leading/supporting
- Chili Dinner – late Feb: Committee agreed not to pursue given concerns about low attendance given Covid and competing engagements on a Saturday night given Sunday is not an option due to lack of MoCo staffing.
- Groundhog Day – Feb 2: Julia is interested in co-leading; Irene will support and coordinate with Julia accordingly.
- Progressive Dinner: Committee agreed to defer to the Fall.
- The Great Zucchini (Jeremy): Quynh to follow up with Jeremy to determine if Irene should follow up given Town credit.
- Tea Party (Amanda to look into possibility): No discussion
- Movie Night for Adults (pending lead): Committee agreed to defer pending lead.
- Game Night with Mahjong – March: Quynh to coordinate with Flora Tsui.
- Game Night with Scrabble: Quynh to follow up with Dian Seidel.
- CRP Training and Certification – March 5: Irene to pursue idea and inform capacity class allows
- Dennison Garden Celebration – September: Irene to provide status following next week’s planning meeting; possibly consider outdoor dinner.
- Chevy Chase @ Home Programming: Committee agreed not to pursue given lack of need/interest based on current understanding.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Welcome Bags (Quynh): Irene to follow up with Town Office about resurrecting hard copies of Town directory.
- Holiday Gift Drive (Cathy & Quynh): Currently \$5,125 (70% of 2022) donated by 44 neighbors. Will share out final amount on listserv & social media once totals are complete.
- Winter Clothing Drive (Marjorie): Boxes continue to be filled each week and dropped off to Interfaith Works by Miguel. Quynh to ask if Interfaith Works would like to provide note expressing value of contribution for recipients to share back with Town residents.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 PM

Next meeting: Feb. 1, 2023