

## Kingston Cares Board Meeting Minutes – 21 January 2022

**Attendees** – Phil, Lynn, Stan, Jane, Chris, Stacy, Mel, Kathy, Sally, Fredrick

**Announcements and Celebrations:** Lynn received 2 cards; a Christmas card thanking for the Tree of Giving Christmas tree that Carol had done for KC. A post card thanking for community meal. KC received a \$20,000 anonymous donation!! There was a total of \$25,000 in donated funds in the mail, unmarked funds.

### Reports

- Secretary's Report – Stan motion to move, Jane 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.
- Treasurer's Report – Kathy motion to move, Jane 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.
  - 2022 Budget – Not quite done as of yet.
  - Tax Letters -

### Program and Committee Updates

- Food4Kids
  - Food4Kids bags – Stacy requested guidance in ordering; waiting on a quote now, will look at buying in large bulk for 2022 program numbers.
- Community Meal – Going well! Will revisit the service delivery model next month. Sally is sponsoring the March Community Meal!
- Little Pantry – Chris has been monitoring stock and it's keeping stocked well with supplies as well as donations. She will check with Kingston Mail & Print for a vinyl cut logo to put on it.
- Severe Weather Shelter – 10 days of activation in December & January with guests each activation! With the Village Green open as a warming station, SWS partnered well to make sure there was coverage for folks to stay warm. Kathy has been working on some manual updates and such to get out to volunteers. Last county SWS meeting on 1/11/22, it was brought up that warming centers receive different supplies than the SWS. An example is that the warming centers receive COVID tests to test all folks that come through and SWS do not. There will be a letter drafted to the county for follow up on these logistics.
- Community Conversation – Stan updates that the 1<sup>st</sup> one is Saturday 1/22 with about 32 people signed up (1/2 or so are involved in planning). Looking to perhaps develop another split out session.
- Grants – Kitsap Community Foundation did not award KC this round. FEMA closeouts wrapping up from PHASE CARES, 37 & 38 with Phase 39 coming up. Stacy will assist with Phase 39. Great Give coming up; Stan will assist with the Great Give.

### Other Discussion

Stan & Kirsten met with the owners, Harvey & Sheila, of Blue Water Inn as part of the housing alliance. Stan approached them to see about promoting their facility as affordable housing. Kirsten looking into property needs in order to do something for affordable housing. They are now considering potentially

selling the property as the last 5 years have proved difficult to be able to move forward to re-open it as a motel/hotel. They got some good information to move forward on. The meeting was encouraging.

The county is required to form an advisory committee to determine how to spend the new sales tax for affordable housing. Probably upcoming in the spring of 2022.

### **What does 2022 hold?**

- Volunteers – KC is retaining on average, 2 new volunteers per week; lots of new people wanting to be a part of our programs! Looking for a summer program to utilize volunteers.
  - Perhaps a KC cleanup day in Kingston. Maybe partnering with the groups that do the beautification for folks that cannot maintain their own yards. Might be a nomination system to find the recipients?
  - Chris requests that we look at sending an emailer out to volunteers to notify them to sign up for future community conversations.
  - Stan brought up idea that Rotary is looking to sponsor a park & KC could as well.
  - He also noted that a project idea is to collect trash from the homeless camp in town just off of HWY 104.
  - Outdoor community meal, picnic style and engage community volunteers in a project and/or KC info.
- Succession Planning – continuing discussion about how to train successors, look for new board members and executive board members as well as planning for the needs of KC within its membership recruiting.
- Review of Bylaws – Phil received an email from the tax accountant firm that due to updated, new laws they recommend that KC get with their attorney to update bylaws to stay in compliance with the new laws. Membership and different types and the rules for each are detailed in the law. Rules are different for membership that collects funds vs. membership that doesn't. Will need clarification for what it means to be a member of Kingston Cares. Isaac Anderson is our point of contact listed at the State for our bylaws. Phil will reach out to him to see about a review.
- Programs
  - Assessments – looking to review current programs to determine if current needs are still addressed and/or how to outreach to revitalize and promote.
  - New or expanded programs – there was discussion about expanding F4K to include partnering with school counselors and staff to provide snacks and such to kids in schools as well as looking to partner with the school district food & nutrition services office to look at school lunch account balances and a way to zero out accounts so that dayli meals, and graduation and such are not in jeopardy.
  - Jane brought up an idea to look into how KC can assist in providing funds and/or resources for mental health services to kids and families. Mel shared some of her expertise on some area organizations and how kids currently access those services. Discussion was had on potential partnerships with Coffee Oasis, Peninsula Community Health Services, Kitsap Mental Health, local schools and others.