

Kingston Cares Board Meeting Minutes – 22 July 2022

Attendance- Lynn, Phil, Sally, Fredrick, Stan, Jane, Kathy

Announcements and Celebrations- Lynn reported we received \$3500 from Kiwanis, and also an additional \$400 from collections they do at every meeting. Amazing!

Reports

- Secretary's Report- Jane moved to accept, seconded by Sally. Passed
- Treasurer's Report
 - Phil reported we have a good cash balance ~\$92,000. He discussed repositioning some funds.
 - To that end, Sally moved : The Treasurer is authorized to open a Money Market account at Columbia Bank and fund the account using the proceeds from the redemption of the existing Certificate of Deposit and \$75,000 from the existing checking account. Stan seconded- motion passed
 - Kathy moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Sally. Passed

Program and Committee Updates

- Community Meal
 - **Update since May meeting-**
 - Kingston Cares was set to prepare the meal, with Stacy taking the lead with planning the meal. Then, Village Green informed us we could use the kitchen for 3 hours only on Fridays, then increasing the time to 5 hours after Lynn's protest.
 - With such an organizational upset, we back tracked and had the June meal prepared by Mi Sueno, and the July meal by Puerto Vallarta. Five vendors refused to cook for us for July- not enough staff; not enough supplies
 - **SITUATION**
 - HOW TO... prep, cook, pack, and clean the kitchen in 5 hours. We would have one hour on Thursdays to deposit food into the fridge. Boys and Girls club does their dishes at 5:30 on Fridays.
 - In depth discussion ensued, with following points:
 - Try to talk to new manager of Village Green
 - Could we offer to pay for use of the kitchen at VG
 - Continue to pay for caterer since we have the money
 - Change the day of our meal- maybe get more kitchen time
 - Some discussion of our two constituencies (those who will only do grab and go and those who want to dine in) and how to serve both if we went to in-house meals- to be discussed more when we can do that!

- Increase the amount we pay to see if can entice more vendors- Kathy will ask around to get a suggestion of what that increase should be
 - Lynn moved, seconded by Stan, to continue hiring caterers for August and September, and concurrently work with the Village Green for more kitchen time. Passed
 - Sally suggested we also talk to the Metropolitan Park District board about this dilemma, following a discussion she had with Betsy Cooper
- Food4Kids
- We are set to go with packing on Mondays in August
 - Winco order will be picked up today
 - Payment is a tangled mess with vendors having own rules for payment that are not parallel with the Federal Government, FEMA, IRS...
 - Phil is working on establishing Kingston Cares accounts with Winco and Dollar Tree

Other Discussion

- Wine and Brew Fest participation
- Lynn was approached by the Chamber to participate, and said yes for us
 - Event is July 30
 - We are being sponsored by The Yard fitness center
 - We are asked to provide a raffle basket
 - We need people to man our table!
- 4th of July feedback
- Spread a bit thin between both parade and Tiny Tots- just do parade next year
- Other topics
- Mel has left the board as of July 1- we will honor her soon!
 - Jane's talk to Kiwanis was delayed until August
 - Need to find new candidates for board

NEXT MEETING: 19 August 2022