



Montpelier Senior Activity

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2nd DRAFT MSAC Annual Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2019

12:45 – 1:45 PM

MSAC Community and Art Rooms, 58 Barre Street, Montpelier, Vermont

Meeting convened at 12:45 PM

Advisory Council members present: Chair Bob Barrett, Mary Alice Bisbee, Mary Carlson, Liz Dodd, Bill Doelger, Fran Krushenick, Barbara Ladabouche, Laura Morse, dianne richardson

Newly elected Advisory Council member: Suzie Swanson

Not present: Dianne Maccario

MSAC and Community Services staff including: Director Janna Clar, Becky Johnston, Becca Jordan, Jessica Sanderson

A quorum (15) was exceeded with about 60 members present

The MSAC Annual Minutes from June 19th 2018 minutes were approved

Votes

- None

Opening Comments and Announcements

- Director Janna Clar made welcoming remarks including: thanking retiring Advisory Council members Barbara Ladabouche, Eric Rajendra and dianne richardson for their hard work on behalf of the center; announced that Becky Johnston, VISTA Volunteer Coordinator for the past two years, will be greatly missed when she leaves in August; thanked other MSAC and Community Services Department staff including Becca Jordan, Norma Maurice, Harry Divack and Jessica Sanderson, as well as A4TD trainee Eva St. Clair for their team efforts and customer service skills. She thanked and recognized Trip Coordinators Laura Morse, Tina Muncy and Nancy Schulz, instructors and other volunteers. Members were encouraged to attend and volunteer for the June Bug, the first such city wide fundraiser for MSAC to be held at the Montpelier Rec and Pool field Saturday June 29 from 5 – 9:30 pm.
- Bob Barrett, Advisory Council Chair introduced Mary Alice Bisbee and Suzie Swanson, newly elected members to the Advisory Council for terms of three years each June 2019 – June 2022. All Advisory Council members present were thanked and asked to stand to be introduced to the members. MSAC members were encouraged to contact the Advisory Council members with questions or requests.

Preliminary Annual Report Janna Clar, Director

- Janna read over the main points of the Annual Report which will be updated in July and included as an insert in the July newsletter.

What's Ahead for Next Year FY20 Janna Clar, Director

- The Pergola Pocket Park has been installed in the courtyard of 58 Barre Street and is receiving good feedback.
- The city council has accepted a bid from Bread Loaf Corporation of Middlebury to write three proposals for renovating the city owned Recreation building at 55 Barre Street to make it ADA compliant and expand classrooms, among other improvements.
- MSAC will be considering Peter Kelman’s Aging in Place Program Recommendations in FY20
- MSAC hopes to strengthen its partnerships with local organizations like TW Wood and The Gary Residence to expand services and off-site program locations.
- Bike/Multi-Use Path construction will be ongoing throughout the summer and will eventually reduce the number of parking spaces on west Barre Street.
- MSAC is seeking more designated parking for MSAC members on Stonecutters Way.
- The Accreditation process is ongoing with Janna focusing on it in July.

Preliminary Results of 2019 MSAC Annual Survey: Mary Carlson, Advisory Council Members

- Why is the survey done? To meet national accreditation requirements, MSAC needed to do a better job of measuring how well it was serving its members and identifying ways it could improve.
- More than a fifth of the over 1700 surveys issued have been completed, and surveys are still coming in. Tentative results based on the 381 tabulated so far have been interesting. For instance, 33% of the surveys came in from people age 75 or older. 84% own their homes, compared to 14% who are renters. She pointed out that the annual report provided by Janna listed some outcomes, such as that 80% said that they learn new things because of MSAC. Statistics like these are just tentative, and will be updated when more surveys have been counted and final report is produced in July.
- Mary explained that it can be tricky to figure out the best way to ask a question, such as whether a yes/no question would get clearer feedback if the response choices were different. She invited suggestions for survey design and also stressed that comments are always welcome, noting that one member wrote that he could not attend the annual meeting because he works days.

Raffle Drawing and Ice Cream Sundaes

- Members had to be present to win so there were several draws for each prize until a winner was present. Celine Blais won a 2019 Season Montpelier Family Pool Pass; Meredith Kittfield and Polly Nichol each won a MSAC gift certificate good for classes, trips, Feast meals and more; Laura Morse won a Crafters Closet Coupon; Jessica Sanderson won a Pickle Ball pass; and Robert Troester won Feast Together meal coupons.
- Ice Cream Sundaes were served tableside by Mike Morse, Sue Gilmore and Therese Margeau to the delight of all and Janna thanked Chef Mike Morse of Good Taste Catering and the many volunteers, including Carole Baker, Ginger Atkins, Jane Bryant, Helen Eldred, Jeanne Felmley, Lee Lilly, Mitch Osiecki, Patricia Rouelle, and Don Ruggles for the continuing excellence of Feast Together and the crowd gave him and Team Feast a big round of applause.

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A **Q&A and comment** period followed the raffle drawing and dessert service, and several members participated.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Sanderson, Scribe

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