

MINUTES - MDC Circle of Friends
Saturday, June 24, 2017 - 3pm
621 Park Avenue, Wilmette, IL
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2017 Saturday 3pm Meetings
Saturday, September 9, 2017
Saturday, November 18, 2017

Attending:

Liz , Allister, Courtney, Barb, John, Flip, Colin, Lee, Shea and Cami

Quality of Life –All Things Matt

Liz:

Matt is in a good place right now – very happy – exhibiting a very even temperament.

John:

This is the longest period he’s seen him really be himself and amenable

Colin:

- Matt doing well with Yikes deliveries– last week he had to do multiple deliveries and he was fine with that.
- Matt is rewarded with a DVD after they drop off the money at Liz’s. (John noted that this comes from the \$50 SSI allowance given to Matt to spend on himself every month. Liz uses that to order an inexpensive DVD when he’s there on Sunday and he picks it up when leaving the Yikes money at Liz’s house.)
- Temple Jeremiah is the hardest Yikes location for Matt as there are many distractions. We’ll see how the new job coach does.

Job Coach (Liz reporting):

- Nicole, the job coach, gave her 2 weeks notice to Clearbrook. Clearbrook needs to find a new job coach for Matt.
- **Nataiya (who has contacted Liz and gotten together with her recently) is urging her sister Ellisa (current reading coach) to take over the job. Clearbrook would be very happy about this. Ellisa would be willing to stay on as reading tutor if she became job coach.**

Parties for Matt

Bowling

- Nov. 6 is Matt's B-day .
- We need to have presents this time.
- Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Oct 22, 23rd 24th , **Lee** will be in town – it could be held at 4pm.
- **Courtney** will do invites and **Cami** will reserve the bowling. It could be a Halloween party.

Christmas – open house.

- A venue where church members could be invited. Suggested dates are Sundays when Flip & Gabrielle are in town to decorate his tree. , 12/1 or 12/9

Finances

John:

Were doing better financially than we thought we'd be doing. We have a grant from New Trier Township, checks and support from the Kuffners, Molinaros and Eichars. Flip is increasing his support from \$60 to \$100 on a monthly Jewel gift card.

Action Plan

Yikes

Liz:

Natayia has been in contact with Liz recently. Liz talked to her about Yikes and the work it entails. Natayia is interested and willing to take on Liz's bookkeeping & some management responsibilities for YIKES! (paid salary)

John:

- **Natayia's interest in working with Matt is a game -changer.** She knows Matt, the system and how things should work out with Matt.
- **Liz has begun to train her as a backup for Yikes.**
- Weekly YIKES! work to run \$100 per week.
- **We need to raise \$5,000 a year for Nataiya to help with Yikes. John offered to pay for the training costs. Lee offered to pay for half the cost. Flip offered to pay for the other half.**

Christmas Letter

- **Barb** is working on a Christmas story/request letter to be ready by Dec 1. She'll talk to Liz to get details to put in the letter

Long Term Planning

John:

John asked to meet online with Lee, Shea, Allister and Courtney in August to go over his bookkeeping duties.

Liz:

We're looking at pursuing three possible future options:

- Matt staying in Chicago
- Christian Science residential group homes in the Bay Area (Twelveacre)
- Options in the San Diego area: Courtney and Liz met with providers in San Diego and were impressed with one of them. Courtney reported on the option in the San Diego area. Liz gave more details and answered questions about all three options.

Next Steps:

- **Liz** will outline important anchors to Matt's life that will need to be replicated if he moves to California. She will make a list of these things to send to everyone.
- **Lee** asked for different scenario end games from each choice. Description, players, funding.