

Minutes - MDC Circle of Friends
Saturday, November 18, 2017 - 3pm
621 Park Avenue, Wilmette, IL
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NEXT Meeting is Saturday January 20, 2018 from 3-4:30pm

Those present at the meeting: Courtney, Allister, Liz, John, Jan, Lee and Flip

- Quality of Life/ All Things Matt - (Liz)

Comments or questions concerning Matt are welcome here

- Both Lee and Allister shared highlights about their visits with Matt
- Matt's apartment was cleaned and it looked great for Flip & Gabrielle's visit
- Nataiya comes and does a 'Sunday sweep' and she should be emailed/kept up-to-date with any apartment concerns/repairs needed/work orders that haven't been completed--her email is nbrewton@gmail.com
- Liz thanked Flip for the monthly grocery gift card
- Overall, Matt is having a good year, very happy

Short discussion - finding job coaches for Clearbrook to hire

- Liz shared that Matt has lost his job coach and that Clearbrook has not found another coach which is affecting Matt's YIKES! Deliveries. John offered to call the development person @ Clearbrook to get the process moving ahead, based on the fact that a \$5,000 donation was given to them by the Dr. Scholl foundation. Liz suggested that Nataiya be given a one-time bonus of \$50 if she finds someone suitable who stays on the job for at least 6 months
- This is an ongoing discussion which should be placed on agenda for the January 18, 2018 MDC Circle of Friends meeting.

Matt's Family Visits:

Lee and Allister's visits-see comments above under Quality of Life

Update on bowling party

- Bowling party was a great success, well-attended and Matt had a good time. He loved getting presents and hanging out with family and friends

Christmas Open House

- A date was discussed for the party, probably December 8th or 9th, to include tree decorating and a possible open house. Courtney will send an EVITE.

- Treasurer's Report - (John)

- Before the meeting, John sent out an MDC Circle of Friends/YIKES! 2017YTD /Forecast. Please open both with these two links:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B2hd7ttDfVRCb3BBMFNvTGpRZ19kQ2RUUIJJc05EVS1NMlpV>

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B2hd7ttDfVRCbmZTY0VhNjdKLWs>

- The bottom line is that Matt needs \$2,500 by the end of the year to break even, and \$4,000 would be ideal. Barb feels that the fundraising letter that is being mailed this year should help meet those financial goals.

- Fund Raising Committee (Lee/Barb/John/Flip)

Christmas Letter There was a great discussion about the letter. The decision reached is that Barb will snail mail the letter as is. Those people who wish to write a personal note on their letters should let Barb know so that she does not send out a duplicate. Barb also asked everyone to please let her know the names and addresses of those who will receive personal notes, etc so that she can maintain a database for future fundraising efforts.

Once the microboard reviews the outcomes of our Holiday Letter, the fundraising committee should discuss and plan the next fundraising newsletter effort for Spring 2018.

- YIKES! Update (Nataiya/Colin)

- Neither Nataiya nor Colin was there to give a report. Liz said that Nataiya is doing a great job and that is reflected in the profit/loss doc she shared. There is a nice, but modest profit for 2017. Once Matt has a new job coach, he can increase his days for deliveries. A BIG SHOUT OUT to Nataiya for all her work for YIKES!
- A BIG SHOUT OUT to Colin who has been job coaching Matt from the beginning of YIKES! in 2014! His consistent presence also keeps our YIKES! Customer's happy.

- Reading Update

- Elissa has quit, and there is no new reading tutor. It's something we'd like to continue for Matt - Liz will keep eyes and ears open for a replacement.. Matt does read the weekly Bible Lesson with the visiting CS nurse.

- Correspondence: (Jan and others)

MailChimp Campaign/Selfies

- Jan sent out the most recent MailChimp campaign in October 2107 to 37 people. There was a brief discussion about whether future MailChimp campaigns would be useful.
- Also, there was a discussion about Matt's website, www.mattcircle.org. Liz has mentioned that this website should be maintained as it serves as an official record for the State of Illinois. Also those who may be considering a donate, can find all information about the Circle's activities. Courtney and Allister will continue to pay for, and maintain this site for the next couple of months.
- Looks like there needs to be an ongoing discussion of the best way to get people updated about Matt and his life beyond the MDC meetings, including Matt's Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Supper Club Plans (Liz)

- Liz is working on getting some high school friends (wilmette group home) who attended Matt's bowling party to come for supper. Stay tuned.

- Fixing blinds in Matt's apartment (Lee)

- This is part of a work order that Lee submitted to the manager of Matt's apartment. He will follow through with Nataiya to see what has been done/needs to be done.

- Family phone numbers on Matt's wall (Lee, Allister)

- Emailing Selfies to Matt (All)

- This is an easy one...just a gentle reminder to keep on doing this. Matt's email address is matt116@me.com

- Reports on action taken on Who, What, Where list items (All)

- Jan explained the importance of updating this doc, not only to let other team members know that actions have been completed, but also this updated doc is used by Cami and Jan to create agendas and minutes. So, please look and update the Who/What/When doc on a regular basis and check it right before our microboard meetings for final updates.

NEW BUSINESS: Dates for 2018 MDC Meetings

- The first microboard meeting in 2018 is January 20, 2018, from 3-4:30 pm. Liz has already sent out an email invite.
- Liz will share the rest of the 2018 microboard meeting updates at the January 20th meeting.