

3.3.18 MINUTES - MDC Circle of Friends  
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**Saturday, April 28, 2018**  
**Saturday, June 23, 2018**  
**Saturday, September 15, 2018**  
**Saturday, November 10, 2018**  
**3 - 4:30pm CST**

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Attending: Flip Cochran, Lee/Shea Cochran, Courtney/Allister Finley, Elizabeth Drake, John Nitschke

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

Matt had a nice time at Teddy Loss' Birthday Party last Saturday evening. He & James (aide) took an Uber to the party at the Winnetka Community House where many actors were dressed as Disney Characters on the scene. Matt was particularly taken with Ariel. (see fb page post)

**- Treasurer's Report (John )**

Income 9,700 (donations from Dec + AV funds). Expenses thru February 4,700.  
Later in the year, John will be able to project a dollar amount as a fundraising need.

**- Fundraising Committee (Lee/Barb/John/Flip)**

Discussion points from all:

- Letter seems to be the preferred format for a fundraiser.
- Double Letter Format: 1. Matt's Story of Hope / gratitude for all good going on before Thanksgiving 2. Follow up 4-6 weeks later focusing just on Matt's needs, challenges, shortfalls & a financial request.
- Letter that is a Story of Hope, is something a recipient can pass on to others. And it's more than a newsletter
- Include a return envelope with \$ amounts to check off for recipients to send in
- October 1st - soft deadline for addresses & emails added to our Master Mailing List

Liz was able to share Matthew's YIKES! Fb page link with a mom of a little boy with autism. Barb pointed out that it's part of our mission to share Matt's "Story of Hope" - Here's the Fb mom link

<https://www.facebook.com/today/videos/10156167888486350/>

**- YIKES! Update (Nataiya/Colin)**

Nataiya & Colin met at the TJeremiah machine last week to trouble-shoot accurate counts & pointers to make filling more efficient from Matt's point of view. Nataiya is returning to

the machine on the 9th to reformat it and reduce the number of flavors, providing clarity for Matt.

**- Correspondence (Jan and Others)**

Lee & Shea sent pictures of their family with Disney Characters  
Courtney & Allister sent a valentine card

The Snail Mail Master List got a bit jumbled, Lee is repairing and re-sending the link to all - then we all need to go on and update email addresses of our family/friends. Courtney to update emails of folks that get invited to Matt's parties.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Projected visit dates for 2018:**

Liz sending out a doodle meeting planner for October dates for bowling birthday party. Flip & Gabrielle will be coming - will invite Sam

December 8th will be the Christmas Open House - pending next meeting, some refreshment ideas from out of town microboard members.

Flip & Gabrielle to visit in April / May

Allister to visit - date TBD - his niece's baptism in Chicago

**New members for microboard by Dec 2018**

Liz added Sam Cochran to the microboard mailing list so he feels included & can see updates on his brother's activities.

Courtney gave a friend's email address to add, stating she enjoys knowing what Matt & the Microboard are doing.

**Adjust Sept & Nov meeting dates so**

Liz will send out another Doodle meeting planner to reschedule Sept & Nov meetings to enable John come to at least one of the meetings. For year-end financials, seems best to have the Treasurer at a meeting in the fourth quarter.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Job Coach Search**

Liz, Nataiya, & Colin to meet with Emily FencI (director of all programs at Clearbrook) hopefully on March 26th. Re; alternate recruiting paths to find a Job Coach for YIKES!/Matt.

Ideas from the Microboard:

- Shea to ask her friends about student job clearing house at NW University
- Reframe the description of Job Coach to be about business experience, more than about helping folks with a disability
- Layering 2 hours of someone we hire over the 9-3 supervision hired by Clearbrook/AV
- Social work, Special Education majors might be good candidates - need to find where job boards are for these students.

- Ideal hours for the opening are 9-3. One to four days per week, flexible on number of days.

**May 2018 renewal of lease - (6 years)**

Going on 6 years of renting. Lee & Shea to request painting apartment before Liz signs the Lease. Updated Liz in time.