

4.6.2019 MINUTES-MDC Circle of Friends
621 Park Avenue, Wilmette, IL

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

June 8, Sept 14, Nov 2, 2019 + Jan 11, 2020
3-4:30 pm CST

Present : Liz + John

Via Zoom : Jan, Cami, Lee and Shea, Courtney and Allister, Barb, Nataiya. Flip on phone with Cami (no internet)

Quality of Life! All Things Matt Liz/Nataiya

-State ISP Meeting

Liz thinks the meeting may take place on Thursday, May 9th. Could try to include Courtney/ Lee via Zoom. Liz will ask for lead staff, Vilo, to come and for Nataiya to come. Matt's weight gain will be brought up. . Liz will share outcome of this meeting with the microboard.

-Plan summer faux-birthday party

The date for the party will be on Saturday, June 22nd, time 4-5:30 . Lee will be in town and will attend. Courtney will send out an evite by May 1st. Liz has obtained a permit for a grill and picnic table.

To be decided: games, who will bring what, should there be grilled food??

*Speaking of parties for Matt, these parties will be discussed at the June, 2019 microboard meeting.

- Liz also brought up the possibility of a pizza party (maybe just with Matt's pizza buddies) in November, around Matt's real birthday which is November 6th.
- And the Christmas party needs to be planned.

Nataiya shared Matt's very positive experience of cleaning his apartment with his pizza buddy, Jeff. Jeff was paid minimum wage for his work. A discussion took place as to whether Jeff could come regularly and clean with Matt. Vilo, Matt's lead staff enjoyed having Jeff coming and getting Matt to clean. It was a nice social activity for Matt. Lee and Shea agreed to pay Jeff for his work. Nataiya + Liz will follow through with Jeff + Jill Kelly.

John shared that on Sundays he picks Matt up for church @ 9am and then they read together for 30 minutes or so. Matt has also been reading **to** Bonnie, the Christian Science friend, who comes on Tuesdays.

Matt has been swimming at a friend's indoor pool on Tuesdays after deliveries with Colin. Matt really enjoys it.

Still hoping to get Matt back to bowling with the Special Olympics team.

YIKES! Updates - (nataiya)

Mondays with James YMCA

Tuesdays Delivery + Swimming at indoor pool and Bible Study with Bonnie

Wednesdays Delivery, car wash + lunch with James

Thursdays Delivery, Lunch,

Fridays Delivery, Lunch, **YMCA**

it was suggested that Matt could go fishing for community activity after YIKES! deliveries in Glenview once the weather gets a bit warmer if someone shows James the routine. Perhaps Colin could take some photos and share with James .

Still thinking about adding another vending machine, and may pursue this summer.

A BIG THANKS TO NATAIYA, from Liz + the entire microboard, for Matt's great quality of life.

Treasurer's Report

| MDC Circle of Friends, Inc. | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|--|
| 2019 Actual vs. Budget | | | | |
| | Actual | Budget | Variance | |
| | 2019 | 2019 | Pos. (Neg) | Notes on Differences |
| Income | | | | |
| AV Passthrough | \$ 5,781 | \$ 5,781 | \$ - | |
| Contributions | 1,887 | 2,500 | (613) | |
| | 7,668 | 8,281 | \$ (613) | |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Rent | \$ 4,205 | \$ 3,630 | \$ (575) | Due to late timing of rent subsidy check from Wilmette |
| Car | 2,014 | 2,178 | 164 | Impact of new lease in 2018 |
| Tutoring | - | - | - | Effective 10/1, no charges for nurse tutor |
| Employment Assist. | 1,320 | 1,475 | 155 | Timing of payments |
| Apartment | 66 | 323 | 257 | No major repairs YTD |
| Food/Groceries | 312 | 155 | (157) | Pizza night expenses |
| Activities | 452 | 1,250 | 798 | Should increase as weather warms up. |
| Clothing | 36 | 100 | 64 | |
| Books/dvd | 28 | 125 | 97 | |
| Taxes | 791 | 600 | (191) | Higher than expected taxes. |
| Other | - | 150 | 150 | |
| | 9,224 | 9,985 | \$ 761 | |
| Net | \$ (1,556) | \$ (1,704) | \$ 148 | |

| MDC Circle of Friends, Inc. | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---|
| Income Statement | | | | |
| For the Periods Ending March 31, 2019 and 2018 | | | | |
| | 2019 | 2018 | Inc. (Dec.) | Notes on Differences |
| Income | | | | |
| AV Passthrough | \$ 5,781 | \$ 5,781 | \$ - | |
| Contributions | 1,887 | 6,895 | \$ (5,008) | Timing - In 2018 \$5K contribution recorded in January then December |
| | 7,668 | 12,676 | \$ (5,008) | |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Rent | \$ 4,205 | \$ 3,450 | \$ (755) | Modest rent increase and rent subsidy check deposited in April (\$675 impact) |
| Car | 2,014 | 2,050 | 36 | |
| Tutoring | - | 50 | 50 | |
| Employment Assist. | 1,320 | 1,295 | (25) | Nataiya Yikes! assistance. |
| Apartment | 66 | - | (66) | Miscellaneous items. |
| Food/Groceries | 312 | 203 | (109) | Added pizza night outings |
| Recreation | 452 | 101 | (351) | Increased social outings with Nataiya |
| Clothing | 36 | 48 | 12 | |
| Books/dvd | 28 | 71 | 43 | |
| Taxes | 791 | 2 | (789) | Paid state and federal taxes due to extra income in 2018. 2019 refund likely. |
| | - | - | - | |
| | 9,224 | 7,270 | (1,954) | |
| Net | \$ (1,556) | \$ 5,406 | \$ (6,962) | |
| Other support-Annually | | | | |
| Eichars - \$1600 internet/electricity/phone | - | | | |
| Flip - \$1500 - groceries, birthday bowling party | | | | |
| Wilmette - \$2700 rent subsidy | | | | |
| Liz - \$1,000, misc items Sunday's with Matt | | | | |
| John -\$1,000 Sunday lunch | | | | |
| Gift cards | | | | |

Guardianship

Liz has been in contact with Laura Duda of the Duda Law Group regarding adding Nataiya as co-guardian of Matt.

Co-guardianship was initially discussed at our last meeting and that information is included in the minutes of our last meeting if anyone wants to be reminded of that discussion. Basically it covered how fortunate we are to have Nataiya, who is so accomplished and caring in regards to Matt, willing to step into this role to support Matthew.

Here is a quick summary of what is involved to establish co-guardianship for Matt: Ms. Duda is very impressed with MDC, and she has a sister with disabilities. She's offered to reduce her hourly rate as a courtesy. Liz has invited her to attend one of our meetings, and has put her on our meetings mailing list.

The process to complete co-guardianship is not just signing some papers. It will include the need to petition the court, possibly have a guardian ad-litem to interview Matt, a possible housing plan request, and we might need an estate guardianship for any money Matt earns

No firm cost estimate for this process is possible, but she has indicated it won't be less than \$2,000.

A motion was made and passed to use monies donated to the MDC Circle of Friends for this purpose.

Liz will also inquire of the attorney if Matt's SSI is impacted by Flips pending retirement and get back to Flip.

Coaches' Corner Updates

-Keep sending Matt cards, postcards + selfies. Continue to update the WHO/WHAT/WHEN page and the MDC snail mail page as needed.

WHO/WHAT/WHEN

MDC Mailing List

Microboard meeting agendas June 2019-January 2020

June 8 3-4:30 pm CST

-plan holiday open house, date, maybe pizza birthday party for Matt

Sept 14 3-4:30 pm CST

-preliminary planning of gratitude friend-raiser letter and MailChimp gratitude letter

Nov 2 3-4:30 pm CST

-finalized gratitude friend raiser letter

Jan 11, 2020 3-4:30pm CST

-budget for 2020

Additional items discussed (action items)

-Liz will send Jan some photos of Matt on the beach/ and Matt cleaning with Jeff to use for future MailChimp campaigns

-Liz is considering having Courtney to take over Matt's Facebook and possibly transitioning Matt's personal Facebook page (not YIKES!) to Instagram..more popular, better quality photos, etc. Lee mentioned that it is easy to quickly move anything that has been posted on Facebook to Instagram once an account is set up.

- Allister/Courtney to remove mis-statement on [Matt's Circle of Friends website](#) that those who donate monthly via PayPal will then "receive Matt's monthly newsletter". (there is no monthly newsletter).