

1.11.20 MINUTES - MDC Circle of Friends
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Present: Liz + John
On Zoom: Courtney, Allister, Jan, Barb, Cami + Flip + Kish Pisani

2020 Microboard Meetings
Saturday 3:00 - 4:30 (Central time)

March 28

How - AV to initiate social planning for Matt i.e. plan pizza nights, beach/pool, etc
Follow up digital friend/fundraiser, Plan BBQ Birthday

June 6

Final plans BBQ, preliminary gratitude letter tasks

Sept 12

Finalize gratitude letter, preliminary Holiday open house

November 7

Christmas Letter, Open house

December 5 No Lee

(alternate date 11/21)

Finalize Christmas Letter, Open house

Link to the Zoom conference

Microboard introductions - Kish Pisani from IAMC (Illinois Association of Microboards and Cooperatives) joined us for this meeting. We introduced ourselves to Kish and told her our relationship to Matt and our roles on the microboard. Thanks, y'all for this. Kish shared many updates as to what's going on in the state for adult services for disabilities.

Quality of Life! - Liz and microboard Matt is happy. Matt loves choosing his CDs with Liz, usually on Sundays. Matt is losing some weight due to healthier snacks, lunch at whole foods cafeteria and continues to be out and about.

YIKES! Update - Colin, new assistant manager, is working out great with all the weekly duties. No YIKES! Report from him yet. Liz updated us that YIKES! is not making as much money as previous - raising prices in machines to reflect current vending rate. Lee to follow up with Beauty Shop intro for possible new vending location.

Treasurer's Report - John and microboard

- current MDC Circle of Friends, Inc. reports (John)
- Budget for 2020- microboard

RECAP 2019 LINK

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XIwqo3YUOf6eZ5r6cG13n60ofQ2uamfh>

BUDGET LINK

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- Recap Friend/Fundraiser efforts -microboard

Lee shared that he sent out snail mail letters to selected people on the MDC snail mail list. At the time of the meeting, no holiday donations had been sent for Matt. However, since then, we have received two donations...from Barb Cochran and Gage + Christie Chrysler.

-Results of Doodle poll--dates and times for the rest of the 2020 microboard meeting, looking to schedule 5-6 meetings in 2020

-Pick date for Summer BBQ Faux Birthday party for Matt

Who/What/When - updates from all participating microboard members

[Who/What/When Spreadsheet](#)

MDC Snail Mail/Email list

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/186K22tA6jBdrMMazhciXRWxVmhBVOxFA3OuRTHicFV8/edit?ts=5a63c812#gid=634347005>

Jan requests that all microboard members continue to add contact info for friends + family and make sure the contact info is updated as needed.

Coaches' Corner Updates- Jan + Kish

- feedback from MailChimp about 2019 Gratitude Letter

Jan shared that there are currently 75 MailChimp subscribers and 34 of them opened up the Gratitude Letter. Allister said that was a good percentage.

Liz suggested that Jan take a screenshot of the MailChimp subscribers (all subscribers and those who actually opened the MailChimp letter) and share that info with the microboard. Jan will look into this.

Why the 2019 MailChimp holiday/donation letter was not sent due to non response from IT Guy. , so Liz is looking into it. Perhaps another MailChimp donation letter will be sent out in the spring.

Kish also shared that the money for the Zoom meetings might be able to be paid for out of her IAMC budget. Jan will keep in touch with Kish to see the outcome of this.

Jan and the micoboard also shared with Kish the desire to have Matt's story told in some kind of online or hard copy publication in the State of Illinois. Stay tuned.