

6.06.2020 MINUTES - MDC Circle of Friends

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2020 Microboard Meeting Dates

Sept 12, November 7, December 5 (No Lee)

Link to Join Zoom Meeting Online:

Present at the meeting: Jan, Lee, Flip, Liz, Cami, John, Courtney, Barb + Allister

Quality of life! -Liz

-Apartment repairs-the needs include painting the apartment (most urgent), and a new sofa. With regards to the painting, Lee will continue to contact the apartment management company, Schermerhorn Management Co, and John will talk to them in person as he has to drop off a rent check there.

Lee volunteered to pay for a new sofa for Matt, and found one on Craigslist during the meeting. Liz said that Drake Interiors would pay for pick up and delivery.

Liz shared that a dining room chair had been repaired, MDC Circle paid for the repair.

-Assistive Technology Grant- Lee

Per Kish Pisani's suggestion, Lee is going to follow through with applying for an Assistive Technology Grant from the Arc of Illinois, with the hope of getting funds to buy a new iPad for Matt. Stay tuned.

-Summer picnic in Gilson Park (faux birthday party) Liz will make a tentative reservation and see what restrictions are required for this event to take place. Hopefully, August 2020. Stay tuned.

-Dental work

Matt having visited two dentists, was to have a dental appointment in April that was canceled by Shelter in Place....They are researching to see if Medicaid pays for any of this work, but the anesthesia is not reimbursable. The total amount needed is \$1,600.00 and Flip has agreed to pay for this. Allister had several suggestions for Matt's oral hygiene regimen, including Sensodyne toothpaste, warm water, a cartoon character electric toothbrush and, maybe a reward for maintaining good oral hygiene.

-Annual Individual Service Plan Meeting

Matt, being a recipient of Illinois Dept of Disabilities funding, receives through his 2 service providers (Clearbrook / Active Visions) an annual plan articulating needs / goals - summarized with measurable goals.

John and Liz were at Matt's annual ISP (individual service plan) meeting on zoom, as well as representatives from Community Alternatives Unlimited, Clearbrook and Active Visions. It was noted that Derek, the Active Visions manager continues to be well engaged about Matt's care, exhibiting good management skills. Liz will share the email plan.

Jan has agreed to send thank you notes to all those agency people who are supporting Matt. Liz will supply Jan with the names, addresses and agency names for these people.

Update on Matt's staffing - Toyin is new staff for the Sat shift 9am- 11pm. As Toyin grows in understanding Matt, it'd be nice to see engagement that breaks up Matt's all-day You Tube viewing.

-Church

No adult Sunday School at this time, as the church services have temporarily moved to zoom.

YIKES! Update (from Colin)

Regarding the operations of Yikes! beverage deliveries for the past three months, there is, unsurprisingly, not a lot to report. Since the arrival of COVID-19 and the beginning of the quarantine, we have suspended servicing all of the vending machines Matt operates. Some of the locations themselves have been closed and the rest are operating with a significantly reduced workforce. Additionally, Matt has been resistant to wearing a mask and his gregarious, friendly demeanor means that he sometimes struggles with some of the social distancing procedures. All of these factors have led to an indefinite suspension on service to the machines. And, like everything else right now, the timetable on when Matt might be able to go back to his usual schedule and routine is unclear. We have been able to deliver to Dr. Scholl's and Drake Interiors by delivering soda to John and Elizabeth's porches. This has helped to keep Yikes! in Matt's mind (even if not at the forefront.) Unfortunately, because we stopped delivering, most of the diet soda in the stockroom has expired. That inventory has been changed to reflect that. Some of the expired sodas we gave to Nataiya. The rest will probably have to be thrown out.

Finally, Matt has adapted fairly well to the moment. He obviously isn't opposed to spending more time at the apartment with his DVDs, but he's also been willing to go for walks of about two miles pretty every day. Also, with the weather getting nicer, we are able to go fishing again for the first time last week, which should be a nice, socially distant, Matt-approved activity for the summer.

Please email Matt...anytime. He loves emails with pictures or emojis
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Treasurer's Report

-John shared MDC Circle of Friends, Inc. Income Statement for the Periods Ending June 3, 2020 and 2019.

Fund Raising

-There are no current or future fund-raising plans. Stay tuned.

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-Matt's story... Kish was not at the meeting, but Jan will touch base with her about getting Matt's story posted on an appropriate site in Illinois. Jan suggested that Colin's post this month about his ongoing work with Matt might be the core of a story for possible publication. Jan will follow through with Kish.

Agenda for September 12, 2020

Courtney shared that the agenda for this meeting will focus on preliminary planning for the gratitude friend-raiser letter and a MailChimp gratitude letter.

-Who/What/When

[Who What When](#)

For all who volunteered some kind of action on Matt's behalf, please be sure to update this document to reflect your work.

-MDC Snail Mail/Email list

[MDC Mail & Email List](#)

Since the September, 12, 2020 microboard meeting may involve some outreach for possible fund-raising, etc, Jan is requesting that this list be looked over and updated as needed by all microboard members.