

11.07.2020 MINUTES - MDC Circle of Friends

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2020 Microboard Meeting Dates

December 5

December 5th, Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81520149176>

Present at Zoom meeting: **Jan, Cami, Liz, Allister, Barb, Courtney, Lee and Flip**

Quality of Life-Liz, Courtney and Colin

-Staffing changes, etc

Here are some notes I took:

--Vilo has left as Matt's lead staff and is now working at JCFS (same agency as Nataiya)

--Liz has spoken with a manager at JCFS about moving Matt to their agency. Liz forwarded Matt's packet to the Director there. Liz/John will email JCFS with a summary page of his rate sheet, how his funding has worked at Active Visions, and introduce John as microboard Treasurer

--Calvin has replaced Vilo

-Dental update

Liz shared that Matt is 'out of the woods' now and doing great. Yay for the dentist and for Matt healing.

-Instagram

Courtney shared that she is still sharing photos of Matt on his Instagram account, **yikesbeverage**. Check out this page now and often. Thanks to Courtney for maintaining this page and for Colin and Liz who share photos of Matt's life.

-Update from Colin about Matt's daily life and quality of life during COVID

Due to many factors during the pandemic, Colin is now with Matt at his apartment Monday thru Friday from 9am-3pm. That's great news for Matt and Liz and the microboard. Thanks, Colin!

Here is an email update from Colin:

Matt's doing pretty well. We obviously only get to make sporadic Yikes! Deliveries to John and Elizabeth but those help keep Yikes! On Matt's radar so that hopefully when things return to normal, we're able to make that transition. I think we've also found a nice balance of activities that get Matt out of the apartment (basketball in the park, swimming, fishing, the occasional long walk to the mom's house and back) as well as his interest in working on puzzles which should help when the weather changes. Overall, Matt has always enjoyed routine and so while the rest of us grapple with quarantine, Matt seems to be mostly thriving.

Matt's Parties: (Courtney and the microboard)

-Recap of Matt's virtual birthday party on Friday, 11.06.2020

More than fourteen friends and family members attended the party. A good time was had by all. Courtney did a great job of sending the evite and monitoring the virtual party. Matt was at home with Colin and he could hear and see what was happening. He participated for about forty minutes. Liz set the tone by dropping off muffins, flowers and balloons.

Colin shared via email the next day, Saturday, November 7, 2020: Regarding the birthday party yesterday: The weak WiFi signal was certainly disappointing, but Matt did understand everything (the balloons, cupcakes, etc) and he did seem to appreciate it, especially the presents sent.

After the party, Courtney sent out thank-yous and photos showing Matt opening his presents. Colin stated that it was clear that Matt had a good time.

-Holiday Open house WHO/WHAT/WHEN discussion by microboard

A lively conversation took place. This party will be virtual. No date has been set. It depends on many factors, Elizabeth's &/or Colin's availability. **The details for this will be discussed during the next microboard meeting on Saturday 12/05.2020.**

Among the items discussed include:

- maybe Matt would not open presents during the party
- but Matt loves gifts and presents

Staff Appreciation (microboard)

Matt's staff receives gifts during the holidays. This year, with the help of Cami and Colin, staff will receive Dollar Store water bottles filled with candy as an extra small gift at Thanksgiving, and possibly nicer water bottles with their names at Christmas. Some felt we should stick with giving \$ at Christmas, since that's what we've always done. Matt has 7-10 staff

members who will receive these. It was suggested that Colin and Derek could work out the distribution of the water bottles.

It was also suggested that since the lead staff just started, maybe the \$100 we usually give lead staff at Christmas, be given to Colin.

Apartment Repairs (Lee)

-Apartment painting

Liz shared that Matt's apartment will be painted. No date set yet. When this happens, Matt will probably stay with her for 48 hours.

-Lee sent some adhesive rubber attachment strips to be placed on Matt's door to make the doors quieter when it is slammed.

Gratitude Letter and Christmas Letter (Courtney and Lee and microboard)

-Gratitude Letter: Lee screen-shared a gratitude letter that was sent in 2019.. He and Barb talked about the letter with the microboard. Next steps:

- Jan will edit the letter and share with Barb and Lee and Liz and Cami
- once edited, Jan will share with Liz so that her tech guy can create the MailChimp campaign
- Jan will update/add names and email addresses for those people who will receive the MailChimp campaign
- gratitude letter should go out before Thanksgiving 2020

-Holiday Letter: Based on a discussion during this meeting, this letter will be sent out via Mailchimp and snail mail. Lee shared the 2019 holiday letter. Based on COVID restrictions, this letter needs to be updated to reflect Matt's current needs. **This letter needs to be edited before the next microboard meeting.**

Jan will help Liz's tech guys with the MailChimp campaign. Courtney has agreed to print up and send the holiday letter. Further discussion will take place at the next microboard meeting on Saturday, 12.5.2020

Treasurer's Report (John)

Link to T. Report

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13NhL38siTulHcZRwokd9TAmvtAFheXao/view?usp=sharing>

John shared via email : I will not be able to join the meeting. Basically nothing has changed much except for the application of the Wilmette Housing Our Own subsidy.

Except for the dental work, our expenses have been curtailed with the pandemic, especially in the Employment Assistance and social outings arena.