

July 10.2021 MINUTES - MDC Circle of Friends

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2021 Microboard Meeting Dates

Aug 28 Friend Raising (preliminary gratitude newsletter)

Oct 23 Finalize Gratitude Newsletter
Fundraising (preliminary holiday letter for Matt)

Dec 4 Fundraising: Finalize Holiday Letter

Present via Zoom: Liz, Flip, Courtney, Allister, Jan, John.Barb and Cami

Quality of Life: Liz and Courtney

- Liz shared that Matt will need his teeth cleaned again in late August, 2021. She has not yet made an appointment. Once again, funds will be needed (around \$2,000) to pay for the cleaning and anesthesiologist.

July 26th Apartment Repairs: Courtney

Matt is going to have his apartment painted and his floors sanded + refinished the week of July 27th. Also, during this time, some of his furniture is going out to be refinished. Prior to all of this apartment work, cleaners will be coming in to do a deep cleaning in the kitchen and baseboards so the paint will adhere. Lol. Matt's stimulus check is paying for refinishing Matt's furniture. Courtney has contacted "Wood Wizard" and Courtney shared that they have done a great job in the past refinishing other furniture in Matt's apartment.

Liz and Matt and Nataiya and her two kids will go to a cabin in Ludington, Michigan which has a pool for a couple days while the work is being done.

Thanks to Courtney and Liz for arranging this.

When Courtney was in town, not only did she arrange for his furniture to be refinished, she organized all of Matt's DVDs!

Matt continues to spend part of every Sunday at Liz's home. To incentivize Matt to return to his own apartment, Liz and Matt go to the grocery store, he enjoys picking out a mermaid helium balloon. You can see some photos of Matt in action at his instagram account:

https://www.instagram.com/p/CRSHoNzruDS/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

Thanks to Courtney for updating Matt's profile with great photos.

YIKES! Colin --shared this update on June 5, 20201

As of two weeks ago, Matt made his first work trip to a vending machine since the pandemic started. We went to the teacher's lounge on a Monday afternoon (after the students and most of the staff had left for the day) and restocked the vending machine and collected the cash on sight. Matt was willing to wear a mask and was mostly agreeable during the trip. All things considered it was a big success. We're still a ways away from being back where we were before the pandemic but Matt returning to work on at least one vending machine felt like a promising step forward. We also have begun receiving deliveries from Coca-Cola again and while we're keeping these deliveries small and intermittent (we don't want to over stock our store room and then lose product to expiration) they're helping to keep Yikes on Matt's radar. I'm pretty confident at this point that whenever we are able to fully transition back to Matt's pre-pandemic schedule, we'll be able to do so with relative ease.

Matt's other daily activities have been continuing. With improved weather, we've been able to start fishing again. Basketball and swimming also continue to be weekly staples. Matt certainly seems to be in good spirits and hopefully a return to normalcy is in the not too distant future.

- Colin and Matt have returned to servicing the vending machine at CAU
- Still needing follow up to Emily at Total Link for the PAWS break room deliveries
- Clearbrook - is looking to discharge Matt from their daytime services (YIKES!) (they provide the staff for daytime YIKES, paying Colin, James, etc)
- Liz has been in contact with Keshet/Godal day services, not taking applications due to covid, suggested a call back in until January 2022.
- Clearbrook holds Matt's daytime (YIKES!) funding.
- Matt's lease on his YIKES! van has been extended until July 2022. John shared that funding for his vehicle comes from the state of Illinois.

JCFS Update

- Cami asked about the management of Matt's living/residential services by JCFS.
- We applied to JCFS to manage Matt's group home. Status of the application - they have presented it to their Board and Joanell spoke with them in May. They are encouraged by the support Matt receives from the microboard. Perhaps this could happen during the summer/fall of 2022.

Treasurer's Report: (John)

 **MDC circle Financials Feb2021.xlsx**

Staff Appreciation: Cami has agreed to do the staff appreciation ...she will send gifts via Derek at Active Visions to the staff members who support Matt no later than September 5, 2021.

ACTION: Cami to buy and send staff gifts to Derek

Thanks Cami, and thanks to Barb who provided the staff appreciation gifts previously.

Coach's Corner

- Jan will share doc with tips on recruiting new members to Matt's microboard

ACTION: Liz to share link from Jan entitled "Enrolling team members for Matt's microboard"