

MINUTES 12/6/25  
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First meeting of 2026: Saturday, February 7th, 3PM  
Zoom Link [Here](#)

**Present: Jan, Liz, Flip , Cami , Barb and John**

Dear Microboard Members -

Something new, turns out the zoom recording did work at our last meeting. Looking for feedback if you like this style of minutes. Jan did a great job of drafting up minutes - but since zoom did record the meeting & sent me a list of Next Steps, I thought I should first try it to see if you all prefer this "Next Steps" format? LMK.

#### NEXT STEPS

- Elizabeth: Follow up with Jill Kelly after her quarterly visit on Tuesday of next week about behavior plan development.

*Part of Matthew's annual planning meeting included looking into what is called a Behavior Plan for Matthew. Joshua, the manager, has someone they have used at Active Visions. The goal is to have a document that basically lays out for staff IF THIS HAPPENS, THEN THESE STRATEGIC STEPS SHOULD FOLLOW.*

- Elizabeth: Send out Doodle Poll request for future meeting dates
- Elizabeth: Follow up on holiday open house planning - penciled in for January 1st
- Flip: Set up and decorate Matthew's Christmas tree

*Flip and Gabrielle visiting Matthew Friday, December 12th. Will make repairs to the door jambs.*

#### THE APARTMENT

*Doors still need to be painted. Is Lee the point person for this?*

YIKES!

## WEBSITE

- Elizabeth: Costco & scope out possible beverages with images for the website shopping cart.
- Elizabeth: Follow through on website development with Cami, John, and Flip for financial contributions
- Jan: Follow up with Elizabeth about website progress
- Cami: Send yikes flyer to Make It Better magazine as press release
- Elizabeth: Send copy of Yikes flyer to Cami. Click [here](#) to see the flyer

YIKES! [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PQlcmRTTT\\_L0Ynax4QZql7XMzwZ9u5IV/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PQlcmRTTT_L0Ynax4QZql7XMzwZ9u5IV/view?usp=drive_link) Liz, I need access to open the flyer. Thanks, Jan

- Elizabeth investigate vending machine possibility at New Trier Our Place & Shawnee's Auto Service
- And talk to Joanell about vending machine opportunities in their apartment building laundry rooms
- Courtney: mention to friends in Highland Park if they have any vending machine ideas
- Elizabeth: Print yikes flyer and put on Matthew's bulletin board in his apartment
- Elizabeth: Send yikes flyer as PDF to Jan for her files

## MDC PLANNING

- Flip: Follow up with Annabelle about \$5,000 grant for end of December
- Flip: Look into Medicare and SSDI applications for Matthew. Arc of Illinois has staff that will help families with the applications. Click here for [staff](#) page on their website.
- Cami: Talk to Lee again about long-term planning summary and next steps

*A committee of Microboard members met several times in 2024/2025 to look at how Matt's life might be supported in the future. A summary of ideas was produced, but not yet shared with the Microboard. Cami said she would discuss doing this with Lee*

- Elizabeth: Check if Washington County Regional Center will have disability fair in 2026 calendar

## YIKES! Update-Liz

Matt has a new YIKES! Flyer which was displayed at Total Link 2 Communities Disability Employment Panel Discussion in November, 2025. Click [here](#) to see the flyer designed by a designer at Drake Interiors.

Liz, once again I need access to see the flyer. Jan

### YIKES! 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Newsletter and Holiday newsletter

Courtney was not at the meeting to give the microboard an update. Stay tuned.

### YIKES! NEW WEBSITE

BIG THING! Matt is getting a new website...Liz shared the proposal. It would be a 5 topic website with a shopping cart feature. Cost approx \$3,000-\$3,750. Generous donations were made by microboard members to get this started. WOO-HOO! Click [here](#) to see the proposal

Liz, I was able to see the proposal. I printed up a copy for my files. Jan

### TREASURER'S REPORT

On track to have similar expenses as last year so far, will need donations in 2026

Please note that this reflects the monthly/periodic contributors such as the Kuffners, Flip, Cami, Kelsey and Debra Drake, who are always appreciated.