

CART Minutes July 21, 2020

Committee Attendees: Melissa Yosua-Davis, Bev Johnson, Mary Holt, Donna Damon, David Hill, Leila Bisharat, Erika Neumann CC, Eliza Jane Adams, AL; Ann Kirkpatrick, School; Kip Webb, Commons; Carol Sabasteanski, CTC; Kim Venkataraman, Tennis; Jim Gallagher, Golf:

Public Attendees: Chip Emery, Donna Colbeth, John Holt, Nancy Hill, Carol Springer, Gretchen Tonks-Hartling, Gin Ballard, Trisha Haines and Michael Porter.

Melissa called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

Minutes of July 14 accepted.

Updates:

CTC: Carol reported no big changes. There was an incident at Cousins Island between passengers re: masks. The Crew is dealing with passenger issues professionally, but it is not easy. They appreciate the cooperation of the passengers! An Ambassador would be helpful at Cousins Island. CTC would provide free transportation. Busy trips are rare. Mary shared Alex Cronin's concern about bus ventilation issues. Windows should be kept open.

CBL: Donna reported for Polly that CBL is on the Winter Schedule but with summer rates.

CUMC: Melissa reported that the Church received a grant from Recompense to help purchase an additional refrigerator for the Parish House for the Food Pantry. The Ladies Aid paid the rest.

Communications: Leila is glad that word is getting out about the Recompense Mini Grant Program that provides up to \$500 for projects for nonprofits. Turn around is quick. Leila reported that a survey is being developed to check in with the public re: COVID. Erika said that it is important to be in the listening mode. The survey is aimed at a diverse population. Erika is considering mailing the survey and sending a letter with it. Donna mentioned that some folks still are not wearing masks at the store and Julie is concerned. Erika mentioned that Yarmouth had a banner printer. Perhaps the sign could be hung on the Hall facing the store. Erika will check with Sam McLean and Julie. Eliza shared a lawn sign image.

Testing Group: Leila spoke about success of the Testing program but expressed concern about how long it took for folks get back results from the labs. The Team has found a way to speed it up by forming a partnership with Maine CDC. Kip added that the Team was ready on July 3 and began testing on July 8 after a visitor tested positive. They tested several people. One was positive but the person followed protocols so there was no spread. Leila noted that the BOS passed a resolution thanking the Testing Group for their work. Carol shared a story about a family member who had been sick, was tested twice within two weeks and had negative tests, only to test positive in week 3. Kip mentioned that rapid tests are not as reliable. I suggested that if you are sick and test negative but don't get better, you should have another test. RTPCR tests are more accurate.

CIHS: Donna showed the design for a proposed tee shirt. She thanked Kim's son Devan for letting the CIHS use his design. The idea had mixed reviews. While some people thought it was perfect, others thought it was too "in your face" re: masks. Others thought it might be ok for kids. Some were concerned that no one should make money from the pandemic. The CIHS will decide. The CIHS will also be selling masks.

Grants: There is a second round of Keep Maine Healthy Grants. Donna forwarded it to Ralph re Rescue needs. Other grants were mentioned that might help the school, Kid's Place and or CRC.

Keep Maine Healthy Grant: Still waiting for applicants. Several people had concerns re: the job descriptions of the Ambassadors. (Even though members of the committee wrote them, and everyone saw them before they were advertised.) There was discussion re: making the job friendly. It was pointed out that the job was supposed to be friendly rather than adversarial. There has been negative feedback from the community. It was

suggested that these people needed to be well trained and mature. Leila mentioned that she had spoken to young people who had concerns about expectations. No consensus was reached. (In a Global pandemic, how can concerns about folks not wearing masks be a problem?) Melissa cautioned that we need to figure out how to model caring without alarming or putting people off. David reminded us that we had 3 cases here, so we are not immune. (no pun intended!)

Boaters: Donna reported that folks are coming to the island to recreate and are hanging out at the wharves and beaches. Many islanders are going to the same beaches creating crowds. It was suggested that islanders spread out and explore some new beaches.

. Meeting adjourned.

Next CART Meeting Tuesday, July 28 at 2pm on Zoom.