



CCACE Advisory Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2021

Present: Demi Ayres, John Ballantine, Paula Casey, Claudia Feeney, Carol Murphree, Margo Parent, Jill Weintraub

1. DECEMBER MINUTES APPROVED BY Claudia Feeney Seconded by John Ballantine
2. BUDGET:
Registration #'s (212) are relatively good; December was better than last year. Revenue hasn't been updated since we last met, there are 2-1/2 months of revenue not posted due to some issues in the business department. Jill thinks we are about \$20,000 ahead, which includes the new car purchase and \$7,500 grant money for the electric car which we have not yet received.
3. REGISTRATION UPDATES:
 - a. Lecture series: Wednesday night kicked off the first of our lecture series with 17 people in attendance. This was a great start and hopefully we can reach those numbers with future programs.
Beekeeping class is in conjunction with Newton. CC has 9 people signed up.
The Tea class has 3 CC registrations, but 7 signed up in the collaborative; hoping for more to come.
Jill will take a look at the percentages of registrations from our community vs. other locations which seem to come from referrals. Historically, she thinks that 80% comes from Concord, 10-15% comes from Carlisle and 5-10% elsewhere.
 - b. Drivers Ed:
We had a great winter break with 34 students; it was a full class, everyone passed, great group of students.
Registrations #'s are good. The after school program will start in a couple of weeks. Not sure if it will run, there are always conflicts with both student and family schedules.
There are 52 driving lessons scheduled this weekend, a huge number, which is helping us catch up for the losses incurred when we were shut down due to Covid restrictions. The scheduling has been tricky because each instructor is assigned to a specific car in order to follow contract tracing regulations.
A new woman driving instructor should be available to start next week, and we are talking to 2 other potential driving instructors. Jill has also reached out to 3 instructors who haven't been back since before the pandemic. She is always looking for drivers ed instructors - it's the nature of the beast.
Drivers ed instructors are paid employees, and Jill has made an inquiry to see if they will be on the list for vaccines as school employees. There have been no close contact incidents within the drivers ed program.
 - c. ISMCC
Numbers are looking good. so far. The new season started this week and we will be rolling in new lessons. There are 158 students paid for the Winter/Spring session, and we are hoping to land 250 students.

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4. CAN WE TALK FY22 PLANNING:

Before we meet again, there will be another “Can We Talk “ session on 2/2/ & 2/1.

It looks like we will most likely be offering this program on zoom again next year... our first program should start in October. Jill will talk to Kristen next week about the feasibility of offering programs in person.

We narrowed down next year’s topic to:

Finding Common Ground on Divisive Issues

There should be some kind of platform before starting next year’s program. A couple of books, articles, programs were mentioned:

- “Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism”
- Angus King’s 60-Minute presentation on 1/10/21
- Richard Hofstadter’s books
- Kerem Shalom’s 1/10/21 presentation on Voter Suppression
- “Caste: The Origins of our Discontents”

We should develop a program to give people the skills to have a conversation and look at all sides; look at different approaches: history, class resentment, psychology, social and economic influences, etc.; have a neutral approach. The 24/7 coverage is killing us.

Perhaps we should come together with another adult community in Massachusetts with different demographics (Pittsfield; Lowell).

Potential speakers and presenters: John’s cousin, Tami Gouveia.

Perhaps we can all reach out to people in the media, our schools, worship and home communities who might help us find and enhance our ideas and lead us to possible presenters.

Jill can mention the program when she meets with the collaborative community.

What are we trying to accomplish?

Where do we start?

History; economics; social; political

How do we take these lessons and frame it for debate?

How do I have civil discourse with someone who has different viewpoints?

How do you listen?

Take “But” out of your vocabulary.

Take away:

Come up with topics this next month, think about possible presenters,

Jill set up a link

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aRf4EWXpoKeEsYqXzK6h2HF_wWgdJ2ji9wUQw7CviMc/edit?usp=sharing following our November meeting for us to share ideas.

Let’s continue to use it as our conversation continues.

Next meeting 2/19/21