



Mayor's Task Force on AIDS
Thursday May 27, 2021 8:30 am
Virtual meeting

PRESENT:

Alice Ferguson
Phyllis Delmastro
Diane Ashworth
Marge Rivera
Laura Minor
Christina Cipriani

Meeting Minutes

1. Moment of Silence: 8:35am Moment of Silence Observed, dedicated to all of those that have died from AIDS and for all of those that are living with the virus.
2. Approval - April Minutes: Minutes accepted by consensus
3. Introductions: No introductions
4. Budget Updates: The budget passed, we did not hear back with any questions. The vote is the second Tuesday in June and we anticipate it being passed by the city council.
5. Purchases for Summer Season Events

–Tent (Will Need Assistance Constructing), Table, Additional Supplies for Distribution

Alice purchased a tent, the other tent was torn. She also purchased a table and the additional supplies to stock up for upcoming events, (pens, hand sanitizers, etc.).

Alice's granddaughter will set up the tent for us.

We have spent just about every penny of the 2021 budget; the only thing that we have left over is a few gift cards that we can bring into the summer to give to kids that help us for a thank you.

Alice would like to purchase a table top wheel for events. This could attract people to our table. Laura made a motion to purchase the wheel when our new budget is passed. Phyllis

seconded, voted and so moved. If we send Jodi the information, she will order it from the cities Amazon account.

The banner is in really good shape, it does not need to be replaced.

6. April 28th Event Debrief: Christina scanned the surveys to Alice and Laura. There were some people that did not have the cameras on. It would have been helpful to let people know at the time of registration that they should have the camera's on for the entire time. Christina will verify that this is a standard for the CEU's. There was a group that did not have cameras, and the supervisor reached out to verify that they were in attendance. We are going to use the honor system for this year.

Some feedback was that it would be great to have it in person, but for a virtual meeting it was really well done.

One of the things that we did not think about was walk-ins, when we hold this event live we have walk-ins, we actually had some people come in as virtual walk-ins.

7. Boys and Girls Club Presentations (Laura, Alice): Laura had a delightful experience speaking at the Youth Coalition meeting. They had a great discussion about STDs, where to get tested, what resources are available, use of condoms, etc.

This discussion led Laura to check the Bristol Burlington Health District website, if you search for HIV nothing comes up. Also, STD will only lead you to the CDC website. Laura discussed this with the Chair of the Board of the Health District who suggested that she get on the next board meeting to discuss updating the website. Group is in agreement that Laura will attend this meeting to discuss with the Board and that she will report next month.

Laura heard from the kids that they are not getting as much information as they used to in the schools. We spoke a few years ago about the curriculum, but it may be time to advocate for an updated curriculum at the high school level for education to the students.

Alice also had an incredible discussion with the group at the Boys and Girls club and the care of the HIV/AIDS at the beginning comparing it to those infected with COVID. The entire conversation was fluid from beginning to end, it was an incredible discussion. It really showed that we are making an impact.

8. Upcoming Events – Any Information/Contacts:

We do not have any information about the Rockwell Park Event. August will be the Cambridge Park Family Day Event, this could be our next event. It is usually the 3rd Friday

in August. The Mum festival will be in late September or early October. They have announced that it will be very different than events that we have had in the past.

Planning meeting has been held in July in the past.

Bristol Blues June 9th)is hosting a pride night, and also the city has a flag raising, should we consider having a table at this event.530-6pm raising of flag at the city hall, and then pride day at the baseball game at 630pm. Perhaps we can sponsor some tickets for people that could not afford tickets, this is something that we will consider for next years budget.

We will share this event on our Facebook page.

Bristol Health will have a Pride Flag Raising at Noon on June 2, 2021.

9. Other Business

Meeting In Person -

10. Announcements

Alice has proposed that we take a hiatus in December, but should we also in August off. We can have our planning for the Cambridge park in July, and the Mum festival

Motion made (Laura), Seconded (Phyllis) and voted – so moved.

Next Meeting June 24, 2021 8:30a.m.