

Sharon Commission on Disabilities

Location and Meeting: Zoom Call

Date and Time: Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Called to Order at 7:03pm

Attendance: Paul Remy, Geila Aronson, Susan Myerson, Lois Diamond, Marcie Ostrow

Not in attendance: Asma Abdullah, Richard Seronick

- Treasurer's Report by Geila Aronson
  - Ticket balance - \$17,298.17
  - General - \$1,227.97
  - Donations - \$451.93

New Business Discussed

- We discussed making a donation to the Unitarian Church's food pantry. Usually, we cannot donate to religious organizations, but due to COVID-19, we will verify that this is permitted.
  - We discussed the question if people without disabilities should receive food under our donation given the extenuating circumstances
- Sharon Police and Fire Department stated that they are happy to help with outreach to the disabled during the COVID-19 situation. We discussed how we can collect names and how to publicize that the Police and Fire Departments are available to them during this time
  - Kathy Madeiros from the Council on Aging may be of help referring the names of those in need
- We discussed the need to publicize these services
  - One suggestion was to publicize the Police and Fire Departments' availability on Sharon Community Television (SCTV) and on the Commission for Disabilities' website
  - Shoppers for the disabled is another need to address
  - HESSCO is currently delivering seniors home-delivered meals
  - Kathy or HESSCO will take referrals for Meals on Wheels for those who do not normally qualify
  - We will contact the Council on Aging about referring people who would like to receive phone calls for socialization
- Geila proposed that we donate \$2,000 to the Unitarian Food Bank and we unanimously voted in favor of the donation
- On April 10, 2020, applications for our Annual Scholarship will be due and in early May, we will make a decision regarding the applicants. Should we have a small pool of applicants, we will split the scholarship in half.

- We decided we will reach out and publicize the Fire and Police Departments' availability in *The View* with an article for Nancy (the editor), on our website, to SCTV, the Sharon Patch, and the Sharon Radio.

Next meeting is Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 4pm on Zoom

Meeting called to adjourn at 7:40 pm