

<https://njconnections.com/Connections>  
Membership Meeting – Zoom  
July 21, 2020  
Attendance: 37  
Recorder: Margie Battaglia

**President's Update and Comments.** Donna Singer spoke about the sanctioned Connections in-person activities that are taking place during the pandemic: hiking and golf. The bridge group is meeting online. The in-person activities are following the guidelines announced by Governor Murphy for social distancing and mask wearing.

Other activities taking place on Zoom include three book clubs, cooking, mah jongg training/classes, walker's chat, the social groups, the Connections executive board meetings and membership meetings. Donna asked the members to contact her if they have other ideas for Zoom activities.

In New Jersey we are currently in Phase 2 of the Governor's reopening plan. Once we enter into Phase 3, the Board will explore expanding Connections activities. However, we are also dependent on the Senior Center and the Church for meeting space and cannot expand activities until those sites open up again. Donna contacted the Pastor of First Presbyterian about plans for reopening and to schedule a payment to the church. She has not had a response yet.

The Board has been working on a constitution and a set of policies and procedures to govern Connections. They are now in draft form and will be added to the web site. Donna will send out the link to the documents and will ask members to review the documents. Please email her with any questions and/or suggestions. At the September meeting there will be a vote on accepting the documents.

There will be no August Connections membership meeting.

**Treasurer's Report.** Lee Atieh presented the report for the time period ending 6/30/2020. Bank balance at the end of June was \$7,696. There are 198 members.

**Kathleen Entwistle, a private wealth advisor with Morgan Stanley,** was the speaker at the meeting. Her area of expertise is helping women understand their financial picture. She began her program by informing us that 8 out of 10 women will be responsible for finances sometime in their life so understanding the basics of money management is especially important. She spoke about money management outlining how to save for the future; different types of investing and their impact; the benefit of financial planning while at the same keeping your individual priorities in mind. She answered questions that were sent in ahead of time by Connections members and also answered questions from the attendees.

**Next Meeting:** September 15, 10 a.m.