

Connections

Membership Meeting – Zoom

September 15, 2020

Attendance: 40

Recorder: Margie Battaglia

President's Update and Comments. An email letter outlining the activities Connections fostered over the last several years, and the financial commitments the organization has, was sent to all members yesterday. As we go forward into 2021, Connections will begin for the first time, to collect yearly dues to support the established activities as well as any new interest areas members propose. Members may send in checks for dues until December 1 for the year 2021. Donna outlined the many activities that the organization has initiated during the isolation period on Zoom to keep us connected. The book clubs continue to meet, there have been several social hours (coffee, tea, happy hours), bridge is being played and outside activities continue. We continue to look forward to when we can meet face to face again. Donna will be contacting activity coordinators for new ideas to connect our members during the pandemic.

There were **several activities suggested** by members to help us stay connected: create a buddy system pairing those that know how to use Zoom with those that are having trouble; host a Zoom tutorial; send Zoom instructions to members; create a committee that will foster outreach to members in general, establishing a museum group for onsite and virtual tours. One member suggested expanding the roster to include the groups that each member is participating in. The Board will consider all suggestions and report back to the membership.

Marilyn Chuebon has volunteered to be Connections Social/Member Concerns secretary. Her role will be outlined by the Board.

Denise Mosher announced that the luncheon optimistically scheduled for September has been postponed to March 30, 2021.

Vote on Constitution and Policies and Procedures. The documents had been posted to the web site with revisions sent in prior to this meeting. There were no more comments at the meeting. The documents were considered separately. The Constitution was moved and seconded (Atieh/Cooke) and approved on a vote of 37-0. The Policies and Procedures document was moved and seconded (Bakian/Mackey) and approved by a vote of 37-0. The documents will be added to the Connections web site.

Activity Updates. Cooking club continues to meet via Zoom. The hiking group has a hike scheduled for September 22 along the Palisades Parkway.

The **current roster** is on the website, NJConnections.com accessed by using a password to keep the information confidential to members only. The password was given to the members at the meeting.

October 20 Membership Meeting Speaker: Patricia Diesel, an organizing expert and a declutter coach.

Next Meeting: October 20, 10 a.m.