



CCACE Advisory Committee Meeting
March 1, 2024 @ 12:00 on Zoom

Present: Jill Weintraub, Anne Irza-Leggat , Paula Casey, Alison Pray, Steve Resnick, Barb Magee, Pam Hegarty, Sara Wilson, Carrie Patel

Absent: Kim Kossman, Polly Meyer, Kristen Anderson

The minutes for January 19, 2024 were approved.

Registration and budget numbers

- The budget is in a healthy position with solid registration numbers.
- The \$540,000 recorded in our spreadsheet as “anticipated” is now collected.
- Armchair travel has been very strong with 40-60 people in attendance each session. The virtual format attracts participants from near and far. It is tuition free, although \$100 in donations was received.
- IMSCC registrations continue to increase.
- Drivers Ed is full and busy. February vacation classes were full. The spring after-school class has begun There are only two spaces open in the April vacation class. Tuition is \$825 with a maximum scholarship available for \$400. Concord residents are encouraged to apply to the Hugh Cargill Trust Fund if tuition is challenging.

**Instrumental Music School of Carlisle and Concord (IMSCC), Pam Hegarty & Alison Pray liaisons,
Deborah Levine IMSCC Coordinator**

- Pam & Alison met with Debby Levine to discuss whether the program has the resources it needs.
- The original purpose of IMSCC was to support the Concord, Carlisle and CCHS music/band/orchestra programs.
- Student enrollment is almost back to pre-Covid levels.
- There are 33 faculty members and good retention. Teachers are paid more than in many programs because there is little overhead since there is no rent at the high school.
- This year the option for small group lessons was new and quite successful. The groups are 3-5 students and geared for 1st ten ½ tuition scholarships for middle and elementary students.
- Does the program have equitable access for METCO students?
- Pam and Alison asked about the possibility of a music instrument exchange and Debby explained there is no storage or ability to maintain instruments in such a program.
- The question was asked if there is a pattern of attrition as students get older. Jill thinks it’s probably an even split between younger/older students but will look into the age distribution data.
- The question arose as to how to keep kids motivated: The CCHS radio is having a band event soon; other ideas are to bring the faculty concert back and to participate in the West Concord Porchfest in the fall.

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Upcoming programs

- Two parent education programs are offered this spring:
 - Diversity without Divisiveness: Understanding & Engaging with Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in our Schools, Presenter: Dr Carlos Hoyt, three 90-minute sessions beginning March 28, hybrid in-person and zoom.
 - Understanding Digital Health & Safety, Presenter: Katie Greer will work in the elementary classrooms during the day and with parents in the evening of May 13.
- The walking groups are full; Bicycle Escape has returned; birding classes have resumed.
- There is a waiting list for some 1-night craft workshops.
- There is a new Chat GPT class taught by a Concord resident.
- It is sometimes a struggle to find instructors, especially for Village University. Ideas offered are to reach out to senior organizations, the Concord Bridge, and the Mosquito with information about teaching classes. Mosquito entry could be someone writing a letter about their experience teaching.

Advisory Committee

- The liaison presentations have provided great information to the advisory group.
- There are two open seats for FY25 to replace Barb and Steve.
- We should seek people of different ages who are involved in different parts of the community,
- Perhaps someone with business bent, reaching out to business association for a potential candidate. Jill will let Chamber of Commerce know.
- Someone from League of Women Voters?
- Another consideration is Steve, who is leaving, is the only male on the committee.

The next meeting is April 12, 2024 at 12:00 at Ripley.

Minutes prepared by Barb Magee.

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