



**Age- Friendly Louisville
Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion
Meeting via ZOOM
November 9, 2021**

10 Attendees: Terri Thomas Sandra McGuire
 Rita Morrow Tihisha Rawlins
 Anastasia Johnson Alli Woosley
 Chris Clements Marji Pilato
 Dee Deitra Murphy Courtney McLaughlin

Welcome/Introduction: Rita welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting today at 2:05 PM. She asked each person to introduce themselves, share what organization or group they were with and what they were “grateful or thankful” as it was the season or month of Thanksgiving. Everyone participated with this.

Guest Speaker/Presenter: Today’s guest speaker was Courtney McLaughlin, Program Manager/Director with Project Warm. She was invited by Chris Clements to share how Project Warm has made impact to seniors and others in the community and some of the intergenerational work they have done. Courtney first provided about 10-minute overview on the history and background of Project Warm and how it has helped homebound seniors remain in their homes and help with utility costs along with weatherization means. She went on to talk about the recent Blitz event that happened this past weekend which 46 volunteer team groups helped and impacted nearly 300 individuals. This year was a bit different then previous years due to COVID 19 protocols but still made a positive impact in helping those in need. In the past, the Blitz would help 500 persons and the volunteers would go into the home to help. This year kits and packets were dropped off only. She went on to talk about how a lot of volunteer teams were intergenerational mixes including Chris with his Dad and his kids. This is common thing and something that should be continued in the future. Courtney went on to add that throughout the year, Project Warm does energy management classes and workshops which are educational events and some of these would be coming in December, January and February. Dates and times to be forthcoming. She also noted that Project Warm is located and supported by Youthbuild. It was suggested that Project Warm and Louisville Metro Office of Aging & Disabled Citizens (OADC) could collaborate a lot in the future.

Highlights from October 2021 Meeting: Rita provided very short overview from the October 2021 session as many of the things being discussed today would tie into the Agenda.

Halloween Costume Contest Reflections: Rita shared with the help of Anastasia a PowerPoint slide show of the recent Halloween Costume contest event with the Boys and Girls Club of Kentuckiana (Parkland location). The event had 24 participants (23 of them were elementary age kids and 1 middle school age). There were three judges who also dressed up along with several staff. Treat bags, cupcakes, and the gift card prizes (McDonalds, Taco Bell, and Walmart) were all provided and sponsored by AARP. The official winners were #

4, # 6 and # 7. The Halloween costume contest took place on October 28th (Thursday). It was special and memorable event for all.

Halloween Parades Update: Rita then showed another PowerPoint slide show of the two most recent Halloween Parades that were done on October 28th and 29th. The parades were not as heavily participated as some in the past with about 4 and 6 vehicles respectfully for each of them but certainly festive and fun. However, the reaction by schools, senior housing communities and more were uplifting and the pictures and images of them illustrated this. The parade was in the California neighborhood on October 28th and in the Highlands/Newburg area on October 29th.

Veterans Day Commemorative Event: The Age Friendly Louisville is doing Veterans Day event on November 11th at Boys and Girls Club of Kentuckiana (Parkland location). The event is from 6 PM to 7 PM and will feature 4 of 5 major armed forces in the area of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. The group is diverse with men and women and of those of different race too. Terri Thomas and Tihisha Rawlins have been spearheading the event and played a critical role in organizing and planning this event. As bonus, Valley High School ROTC group is coming to the event to do a few exercises and help commemorate Veterans Day with the youth at Boys and Girls Club of Kentuckian. Those that cannot make it to the event can watch or see it by Zoom. Also the Club produced nearly 100 Veterans Day cards to be given out for event on Nov 10th.

Intergenerational "Pen Pal" Project: Rita Morrow provided an update on the Pen Pal project which has been in the works for several months. She stated that Franciscan Health Center will start the letter writing first with about 10 senior participants with intro letters and what they are "grateful" about. She did note that the Activities Director, Lisa Richardson, would be leaving next month but the project would still continue. In return, Rita shared that Ms. Jeanine Brooks (Family Resource Coordinator) at Fairdale Elementary school now has only 10 students participating down from the goal of 20. Chris Clements reported that the partnership with St. Agnes and Nazareth Home would be altered a bit. St. Agnes has chosen to do only the holiday card project and would not participate with Pen Pal project. Nazareth Home which had hoped to have 30 older persons (senior) participants would now only have about 15 doing this. Also the Activities Director with Nazareth Home, Julie Kane, stated they now prefer to start this in January 2022 due to a lot going on the next month or two and the Holidays approaching. The new partnering school will be St. Francis of Assisi which is nearby and could have up to 30 students (7th graders) participating. More updates on Pen Pal project will be coming in December.

2021 Parades Update and Review: Chris Clements discussed issue of Holiday or December seasonal parade. The committee of Rev Ron Loughy, Marji Pilato and Chris Clements will be explored and discussed the next steps on this and when and where it might be as well as if Santa Claus would be back for it. Alli Woosley did note that being inclement weather season, maybe the parades should take a pause or break till Spring Season. This was valid point and will be factored in for consideration. and some schools too. Any ideas on future parades as well as others interested in helping them, you can contact Chris Clements at (502) 640-7716 or Christopher.clements@louisvilleky.gov

New Business: There were two new items of business. This included Veterans Day event at Bowman Field Airport on November 10th from 10 AM to 2 PM. The other item was reminder that Medicaid Open Enrollment starts this month. The next domain session is set for December 14th (Second Tuesday) at 2 PM and will remain as ZOOM session.

The next Age Friendly Louisville Social Participation, Inclusion and Respect Domain will be on December 14th (Tuesday) from 2 PM to 4 PM. The same ZOOM link will be used and communication phone numbers of 312-626-6799 and 646-876-9923 will be provided.

