Washington Area Village Exchange
Quarterly Meeting
Monday, 23 January 2017

Opening & Formal Business

WAVE President Miriam Kelty welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Kelty initiated discussion around the election of officers for WAVE’s Board of Directors. She noted that five Board members are up for re-election: L. Liddle, M. Kelty, P. Scolero, B. Sullivan and D. Moldover; and that there are three new Board members eligible for election: Eva Cohen/Bradley Hills Village, Bob Kraycraft/Waterfront Village, and Barbara Gage/Glover Park Village. The WAVE membership affirmed the slate of board directors in the vote.

A discussion followed around the Board’s recommendation that the Board’s leadership be reconfigured to consist of three Co-Chairs from each jurisdiction who would share responsibilities for three Membership Meetings per calendar year; two Secretaries – one recording and one corresponding; and one Treasurer. Membership agreed with the suggestion that there be one Chair in charge, at least on a rotation bases (four months on, four months off). The Board members agreed to take this suggestion under consideration.

A brief Treasurer’s Report was made: WAVE has over $5,000.00 in our account that can be used for support to villages, and a reminder that village membership dues are collected in July.

Minutes from past meetings were accepted as posted. Membership was reminded that they are posted for review on the WAVE website.

Mark Bjorge was introduced as the Village Coordinator for the DC Office on Aging. Reminders that villages are represented by Pazit Aviv in Montgomery County MD and Patricia Rohrer in Fairfax County VA.

New Business

Heather Foot/Cleveland Park/Woodley Park announced that there would be an Advocacy Day on 02 Feb. 2017 to focus on DC’s budget, especially in the areas of housing, transportation and nutrition.

Gail Kohn, DC Age Friendly Coordinator, announced the recent publication In Aging Today of an article about the World Health Organization’s initiative in Age Friendly Communities. She noted that DC and Montgomery County are both working in these efforts.
Peggy Simpson/ DuPont Circle Village and Board Member of the national Village to Village Network announced the development of a new advisory board in the national organization and that this year the village movement would celebrate its 15 anniversary.

Pazit Avivi announced that Suburban Hospital will hold a capacity building seminar for Montgomery County villages on 24 Feb 2017. Others are welcome.

Don Moldover/Potomac Community Village announced that a potential web developer would be offering a demonstration of his/her product. He also noted that WAVE needs a new Web Master to keep track of communications and calendar updates for each jurisdiction.

Miriam Kelty/Bannockburn Neighbors Assisting Neighbors offered a short description and introduction of A Nerino and A Robles from the Corporation for National & Community Service. They briefly described their community participation and civic engagement project for which they may consider village participation.

Foxhills Village/Sunrise Assisted Living was recognized and thanked for breakfast and magnets.

**Presentation**

Sidney Stahl, Ph. D., offered a presentation on elder abuse called “The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly.” His presentation discussed how elder abuse is defined, types of elder abuse and the prevalence of each of type of abuse in the U.S. He discussed what is known, what is not known and who is in charge at the various levels of our society, with some hope for the future. [His slides can be seen on the WAVE website at: http://wavevillages.org/images/PDF/WAVE_Elder_Abuse_Sid_Stahl.pdf ]

The WAVE meeting adjourned at 11:15 am; interest groups met afterwards.