

RAC VIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 1, 2021 Club Room

Evelyn Snoeren, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

A special presentation was shown to the group called BE MY EYES. This is an app program that can be added to a person's I phone at no cost. It allows a blind person to be in contact with a vision person to assist that person. The program can be obtained on Google Play or Downloaded on the App store. An illustration was shown of a woman in a European country contacting a volunteer, who then helped her to select the green thread from her collection of threads by directing her hand over the internet. It was fantastic. It was presented by Phyllis Black with the assistance of her technical aide.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. A quorum was in attendance.

The members attending were: Evelyn Snoeren, Chairperson; Joan Macholl, Secretary; Phyllis Black, RAC representative; Barbara Kirchner, Joe Graff, Tomi Reneau, Kim Freeman and Pam Roberts.

Discussion was held about when we should have elections. Evelyn Snoeren had agreed to chair for one year. After discussion and unanimous agreement Evelyn agreed to stay on for another year.

The Round Table will meet on March 9 in the Auditorium at 10 am. Masks and social distancing will be required. Judy Michaels will be asked to assist.

No information on the book club. There have been no requests. Book applications are available.

No outside vendors are allowed at FP at this time.

The new handbook describing the VIP group will be arranged and printed by Tomi Reneau.

Discussion was had about the inclusion of photos of members of the committee.

Phyllis Black will be doing a presentation in the Auditorium about your needed HOSPITAL GRAB BAG. This will assist those in attendance about the paperwork that should be assembled and be ready at an instant notice when you have a visit to the hospital. The program will be in the auditorium on March 23 at 10 am. Attendance will be limited to 50. Notice will be sent to members.

Barbara Kirchner talked about possible field trips. They must be open to all. Some suggestions were the seeing eye dog breeding place, Bok Tower, and a third garden trip was suggested.

A lengthy discussion was held on the suggestion that the name of the group be changed from Vision Impaired Persons (VIP) to Low Vision (VIP). Discussion was held on why the proposed change, being part of RAC, etc. The discussion was tabled until next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Macholl, Secretary