

NewBridge Members Association (NMA)

April 15, 2021 zoom meeting: Minutes

Attendees: Michael Ross, Barbara Naditch, Marilyn Stone, Sharon Gouveia, Fred Wolf, Anna Markus, Paul Blass, Steve Colwell

Guests from staff on Zoom call: Community Life team: David Raider, Nancy Sullivan, Tara Fleming-Caruso, Rabbi Judi Ehrlich, Larisa Levich, Nancy Vega

At the beginning of the meeting, Michael had all members of the NMA Council introduce themselves to the entire community.

David Raider presented a review of the effects of the Covid pandemic, pointing out the various ways in which the past year has made NBOC stronger as a community. In the process, he emphasized how this has not only affected the residents, but also had an impact on the entire staff. He then had the various members of his staff give a brief presentation on specific aspects that affected their departments and plans for the post pandemic period.

- Nancy Sullivan, our move-in administrator talked about how we had 30 move-ins during the past year, despite everything. She also related how all members of the team reached out to residents during the early phases of the pandemic via telephone calls.
- Tara Fleming-Caruso is responsible for collaborative care. She told how the connections throughout HSL and were not limited to NBOC. She also mentioned the team spirit generated during the vaccination campaign.
- Rabbi Judi mentioned the many changes and needs she faced during this period, including using Zoom to lead services and study groups, support for bereaved, and the volunteer outreach committee. Shabbat dinner is resuming in GMH as of April 16th. Live in person services to resume in May.
- Larisa Levich, director of programs, talked about the commitment of her team to provide meaningful activities and support, both through Zoom and through Channel 918, and through the use of the Thursday afternoon meetings organized by Jerry Wyner. Various hybrid programs and live lectures have started, outings to begin May, Bingo night in June, and concerts, whether permitting.
- Nancy Vega emphasized the invaluable role that Channel 918 had played in connecting with individuals who were not able to connect with the communities activities either in person or by Zoom.
- David Raider substituted for Christina Rice, who was unable to be present. He mentioned the major efforts that have gone into the fitness programs, their streaming on 918 (which will be continuing and expanding) and plans for live classes to resume in the near future.

The discussion period raised several points out that there is no current capability to carry live streaming and broadcast recording simultaneously. Another question pointed out the desire for classical music in the background on channel 918, and Doe Cotton pointed out that Channel 549 has classical music available all day. Suggestions were also made raised and noted by staff of the need for weekly, inclusive calendar updates.

Michael Ross then discussed plans for next meeting of NMA, which tentatively will be held in May. At that time, Fernando Rodrigues will present a brief overview of the Engineering department, and the many ramifications that has as we endeavor to keep our physical community young.

With thanks to Joshua Ferraro for preparing minutes, which have been edited.

Michael