

**FRIENDS
MEETING MINUTES
4-08-2024**

Attendance:	Committee Council: S. Agarwal , G. Balasubramannian, S. Patel , G.Seepurshad, S. Ramananda, B. Christiano
	Advisors: J. Agarwal, I.Bhatti , L. Brown, M.Hemrajani (absent), S. Mehta
	Senior Center Staff : JillAnne Foxxe
	South Brunswick Town Council: Ann Grover
	Total # Members in attendance: 26
Call to Order:	Time: 11:02 am
Reports	
President's Welcome/Greetings: S. Agarwal	Welcome given - Satya reminded everyone not to not look directly at the sun during the eclipse. Still working on By-Laws - will get into more detail during the meeting.
Approval Meeting Minutes: B. Christiano	Meeting Minutes approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1st - Lynn Brown ● 2nd - Bob Holt
Treasurer: S. Patel	Balance as of March 10th - \$7011.59 Karaoke activity is increasing - people seem to be enjoying.
Events and Programs: G. Balasubramanian G. Sepurshad	<p>Survey results were used when choosing activities that members prefer.</p> <p>Geeta - Friends tried to organize a ping pong tournament many times. But Brandywine was effective in making it happen. There is a possibility that posting the ping pong tournament in the newsletter may entice more participation.</p> <p>Gina - The last trip to Atlantic City was enhanced by the fact there was great weather and many shops were open. There was also a report that a majority of members acknowledged that they had won something!</p> <p>Bus trip courtesy: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attendees are reminded that they are to sit in the same seat going to as well as returning from any trip where a bus is used. ● Every attempt will be made to assign the seats for future trips. ● If attendees wish to listen to any audio on their phones they must use a listening device. ● Please use common courtesy when exiting a bus. Do not all try to get to the front all at once. The rows of seats should empty in order.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Every attempt will be made to assign bus seat for future trips. You should know your seat assignment as soon as you sign up and pay for the trip. . <p>Next trip - May 15th - Prince Tea House in Kingston -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A table will be set up in the lobby everyday until all tickets sold - first come first serve. ● We have a 40 passenger bus. But if members prefer they can drive. Address will be provided. ● Menu is available for all to review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● June - Longwood Gardens trip ● July - Jersey Shore Premium Outlet ● Aug - Wine Train trip ● Sept - Friends Picnic ● Oct - Atlantic City trip
<p>Friends "By-Laws" Friends Team J. Foxxe</p>	<p>By-laws still need to be registered with IRS; Some editing is still needed.</p>
<p>Karaoke Program: S. Patel</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Mexican Train Dominoes</p>	<p>A thank you to Bob Holt who donated his Bingo winnings to Friends.</p> <p>Mexican Train Dominoes will be held on Mondays at 12:30 except for when there is a Friends meeting or a movie is scheduled.</p> <p>Bob thanked Friends for purchasing the dominoes kit. Bob invited everyone to join and reassured that it is a simple game to learn as well as a lot of fun.</p>
<p>In-person Bridge Tournament: G. Balasubramanian</p>	<p>No updates. Still need people to come in person as opposed to via Zoom.</p>
<p>Membership update: R. Gupta</p>	<p>Slowly and gradually increasing.</p>
<p>Senior Center: JillAnne Foxxe</p>	<p>JillAnne announced there will be upcoming changes to the South Brunswick Senior Center FaceBook page.</p>
<p>Member Comments/Suggestions:</p>	<p>S. Mehta directed request to JillAnne asking for a copy of By-Laws. She stated that as an advisor she should have access and also wants to compare the old by-laws to the new ones so that she can make suggestions. Satya reassured her that the plan was to make the by-laws available to all members once completed.</p> <p>JillAnne reported that we were assisted by the Friends Committee of North Brunswick who provided us with a copy of their version. Friends of South</p>

