

**Volunteer Administrators Networking
Meeting February 2nd, 2022
9:30-10:30
Volunteer Appreciation**

Attendees: 16 participants

Judy Dancause – Chair

Kaitlyn Legue – Secretary

Carilyne Hebert – Executive Director of the Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area.

Results of Executive election:

Carilyne conducted election, no new nominations for executive positions and the following members accepted another term of office.

Judy Dancause – Chair

Juliette Labossiere – Vice Chair

Kaitlyn Legue – Secretary

Membership - Open

Discussion from the executive asking members to consider the membership role. It would be beneficial to consider recruiting rural member or to have more diversity on the executive. The membership position can be filled at any meeting.

Carilyne Hebert, Executive Director of the Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area, will continue as Resource to the Executive.

Volunteer Appreciation during a pandemic.

Judy Dancause Cornwall Community Hospital

- Drive through Volunteer Appreciation Event
- Struggle to stay connected with volunteers during pandemic.
- Specific details for event were important because it was never done before.
- Very successful, well coordinated and very happy volunteers!

Other Appreciation Ideas:

- Created a cookbook for volunteers and personalized messages.
- Video messages to volunteers.
- Yard sign for long service volunteers.
- Zoom celebrations (Zoom Christmas party)
- Gift cards, Christmas cards.
- Private Facebook Groups
- Hand delivering tote bags with goodies inside including personal notes.
- Taking photo's and posting on Agency social media pages.

Communication is key, emails with updated information and always including a message of appreciation.

Feedback/Ideas

- Created videos through Zoom – created a link and recorded the video. Also, using Zoom to walk through a tutorial for something, save link and add to Google Drive.
- Creating private YouTube account to create videos with volunteers that only they can access.
- Searching through YouTube to get inspired for volunteer appreciation videos.
- Teams is also an option for creating and saving videos.
- Offering extra training/education to volunteers.
- Inviting volunteers to local events and entertainment.
- Merchandise (coffee mugs, umbrella, clothing) with branding on it.
- Self care baskets from local companies.
- Asking volunteers what they would like!
- Do things that volunteers appreciate, not what you appreciate.

Next Meeting: April 6th, 2022 @ 9:30 – Volunteer Recruitment