



KWTMA Meeting Agenda + Minutes 9/7/2020

1. Check in/hellos

2. Review agenda/goals of meeting

- a. What is mutual aid?
- b. Explain Progressive Stack
- c. Goals: Share updates, troubleshoot issues

3. Committee reports:

- Major updates from last week, important things coming up this week, anything new about what you're doing, and any opportunities or challenges to flag for future discussion
- a. Intake + Dispatch
- b. Volunteer Management
- c. [Fundraising](#)
 - i. Total raised to-date: TK
 - ii. This week:
 - 1. Money in: TK
 - 2. Money out: TK
- d. Communications
- e. Bulk Food

4. New Business (new proposals?/ideas?)

- a. Check-in about where KWT is at right now
- b. Census phone banking Thursday evening
- c. Stress management workshop (fundraiser) Sunday 9/13
- d. Accountability with two members of other MA group

5. Final reminders/announcements

note:

- i. You can [sign up here](#) to be one of many rotating facilitators. Facilitators make agenda, post the meeting to the FB group and slack, send reminders, and moderate the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Melissa - she/her, Brendan - he/him, Aamnah - she/her, Leah - she/her, Lily - she/they, Lorraine - she/her, Jeremy - he/him, Mariah - she/her, Will -

Intake Committee Update

- New folks joining intake
- Struggling to retain folks who are trained and some others are not comfortable working with Airtable + Google Voice + docs, etc.
- Decrease in # calls but steady stream of folks filling out forms online and in requests in general
- Removed question from intake form related to “hardest hit” demographics → not necessary and we mainly operate based on first come, first serve
- “How soon do you need support?” → removed as it wasn’t realistically possible to implement
- Intake made these adjustments but we can take to consensus decision making process for all-kwt if preferred

Volunteer Management Committee Update

- Gloria is designated volunteer coordinator and has done great work matching needs requests with volunteers
- Anti-racist working group is being organized!
- Also working on resource mapping and partnerships

Fundraising / Finance Committee Update

- Mariah will provide numbers
- Mutual Aid Monday was a bit better this week than last week’s!
- Stated that donations are down in MAM post and seemed to drive donations
- Still working on initiative to get folks to donate \$\$ from P-EBT cards
- Sunday 13th -- Zoom Fundraising Event - Stress MANagement Class taught by neighbor Susan Kraft (pay as you wish, in English) Asking folks who can donate to donate. → Info on facebook group, event itself is on KWT
- Share, like, comment on graphic on facebook →

- Great if you can make your own post when sharing to other groups

Communications Committee Update

- Comms team wants to represent the whole neighborhood and KWTMA group
- Last week's minutes noted "concern" with external communications... We would like to know more about this so we can work on it!
- Want to tighten communication between other committees and communications so we can generate email content regularly/seamlessly
- Planning to post link to KWT emails on social media
- Can try to put more leg work into community voices → the form just existing isn't generating content

Bulk Food Committee Update

- Effort to get feedback from bangla speaking families on bulk deliveries
- We have a bangla speaker within KWT who is helping with this effort
- Are we planning ahead for a potential "second wave" of virus?

Where are we now and where are we going as KWT?

- We should evaluate Individual capacity -
- Discuss potential alternatives like allowing folks to purchase staples instead of individual grocery shops
- Can plan for different scenarios.. I.e. "If this were to happen, what are some adjustments we can make?"
- Examine non-material things we can help provide (i.e. bike repair, childcare) skill/service-y things. (i.e. in june we organized post curfew walks home)
- We can work on other community safety practices
- Sunset Park has "ICE watch" - they mobilize in response to specific events - we can connect with them
- Should we consider a working group focused on planning ahead? - Want to make sure we get everyone's input and don't make it about who can attend a given meeting
- Intake soliciting feedback from folks who have received KWT support and this can inform our offerings moving forward
- Is there a timeline for shifting toward primarily bulk-buy model?

- Arts & Democracy Org happy to help support us and could be a fiscal sponsor if we go that route!
- Every Friday with US Federal Census Bureau folks are doing census-outreach work
 - 2-5 or 5-8 on Kensington Plaza
 - Census phone banking (calling folks in low-response neighborhoods in BK) - This thursday mutual aid challenge. We can get free marketing/shout out from the census bureau through their social media if we win!
- Stress management workshop upcoming Sunday Sept 13th at 5PM
 (<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtce6ggDkjE9D5kY3OMKZKy4x2kqIH8EY2>)
Please help advertise & spread the word!
- Some folks are misusing NYC Mutual Aid
 - MANYC sent out detailed email describing this
 - Targeting multiple mutual aid groups and created a fake mutual aid group
 - Want to stay open and provide folks with support whenever possible but also need to keep an eye on this issue and communicate with each other and with other mutual aid groups in NYC
 - In Crown heights there was issue with folks asking for money to shop for other folks but then keeping it for themselves (pre-imbursement misuse)
 - Sometimes folks fill out request forms and don't provide all info - we ask questions so we can try to prioritize helping local neighbors who need it

Thank you neighbors!