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President's Letter

May 21, 2020

Dear Fellow Members,

Your group representative met with me yesterday at 24th Street to discuss opening the Club to meetings. Almost all our groups were represented. The Board has voted to reopen the building for meetings on **Friday May 22**. The old schedule for opening hours will be maintained. We, 24th Street Inc., cannot guarantee that you are completely safe from Covid-19 in our building. We have tried to think through all safety precautions and have adopted those recommended by the public health authorities and more.

Our building has been treated with a month-long anti-microbial compound which is applied in a mist and binds to all surfaces. This will be repeated monthly. Chair spacing has been done to ensure a minimum of 6 feet between attendees. The large meeting room holds 32 chairs and the lounge holds 11 chairs. This spacing should not be altered. All overflow can meet in the magnolia smoking area, with folding chairs brought by the members and spaced at least 6 feet apart. When a room is full the sign provided should be placed and **NO OTHER PERSONS** admitted. At that point attendees have the lounge and the magnolia area to use. We encourage masks. Masks will be available for \$1 on a self-serve honor system basis. The club will also try to keep hand sanitizers and anti-microbial cleaning solution available at all times.

One problem with meeting in enclosed spaces is that without external air being exchanged the room can accumulate the virus if anyone present has it. We are installing fans ASAP to exhaust the air and a timed switch should be activated in both rooms when they are used. The chairperson should ask for a volunteer at the beginning of every meeting to agree to empty trash cans and spray down door handles and bathroom facet and toilets. Because of the misting treatment there is no need to spray down the chairs. We have suspended coffee service to avoid spreading germs through the pots and cups. Attendees may bring their own coffee or other beverage, as long as it has a lid. We ask that contributions be made into a central container, rather than passing the basket. Groups should exercise caution in handling money. Groups that routinely sign attendance slips should do so without handling paper, such as using a stamp.

Attendees should be asked to maintain distancing when entering and leaving. If any individual arrives who has a respiratory infection OF ANY KIND he/she should politely be asked to leave. We strongly recommend that persons over 60 not attend since their survival rates with Covid-19 are reduced. This applies to the younger population as well if they have immune

compromise, asthma, severe obesity, brittle diabetes or other conditions. This of course is not a rule but a recommendation. Be assured that Zoom meetings will be continuing.

Each group must decide for itself when and how it wants to return and even if it does. Each individual must know the risks of coming back together again. I promise you if I wasn't 80 years old with heart disease, I would be in there in a flash, greeting and smiling and encouraging every one of those poor guys and gals who are walking now where I once did. I truly look forward to the day when I can personally greet you again.

All Love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bill T