

March 12, 2020

Dear FWC member,

I'm writing to update you on our planning around the COVID-19 and on the status of some of the plans that were announced in the newsletter. As you no doubt know, the situation is changing quickly. The first two Michigan cases were diagnosed late Tuesday. Yesterday afternoon, UM announced that classes will be online-only as of Monday and events that attract more than 100 people are canceled through at least April 21. Information on FWC events and meetings is below.

Interest Sections:

Our interest sections are making their own decisions about whether or not to meet and it appears that most are canceling. I encourage all sections to cancel, at least through the university's April 21 time frame. Section Leaders, please notify any of your section members who do not use email about the changes to section and club schedules.

Upcoming Club Events Canceled or Postponed:

- March 18, *Campus Explorers* visit to the Natural History Museum
- March 27, *Newcomers Garden Walk*
- April 1, *Living Room Chat*
- May 12, *Bus Trip to Meadow Brook*. This event is being rescheduled for September or October. Please do not try to register next week.

Events in Limbo:

- April 23, *Spring Lunch and Business Meeting*. We can cancel without any financial penalty until April 13. We will know well before that if it is advisable to hold this event. If we do proceed, anyone who has already paid by the 10th and who changes their mind about attending, can get their check back or ask that it be destroyed.

The FWC bylaws require that the new Board members be voted into office at the April meeting. We are working on an alternative way of conducting that business in case the meeting needs to be canceled.

- May 31, *Picnic*. After the newsletter went out, we finalized plans to hold a picnic on the afternoon of Sunday, May 31 at Ann Arbor's Olson Park. We will need to decide whether to proceed by the end of April and will communicate the decision to everyone. This will be a fun event, with members invited to bring family and prospective members, so we very much hope it can take place.
- *April and May Board meetings*. Board members will be notified in the next several days about plans to accomplish required April business without meeting in person. A decision about the Joint Board Potluck and May Board meeting will be made at a later date.

Best wishes to all of you and your families. Stay safe.

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