

MINUTES
SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

Jan. 7, 2010

ROLL CALL

Present: Andy Kehr, Chairman Sheila Franklin, Secretary
 Betty Bader Judy Walsh

Also Present: Micki Strawinski, TB Liaison

Absent: Carl Dowden Jeanne Duntz, Jennifer Fivelsdal, Richard Franklin Susan
 Goldstein, Kelly Mosher, Rose Rider

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andy Kehr called the meeting to order at 9:22 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, DEC. 3, 2010 MEETING

After extending New Year's greetings to the Committee, Andy asked if there were any changes or other modifications to the Minutes. Hearing none, Judy made a motion to accept the Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Andy and all were in favor.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Andy said that he received a call from Dick Franklin who said that he is working on putting together a document, but has not completed it yet. He expects to have a draft ready for the next meeting. Betty received an interesting senior newsletter from Central Hudson and will be passing it on to Dick.

BROCHURE

Andy said that the pages of the brochure have been checked for accuracy and Sheila has made all the changes submitted to her by the members of the Committee. She handed out copies of the revised document to those present and will also e-mail it so that everyone can review it. Any further changes should be e-mailed to Sheila with a copy to Andy. Sheila said that there are two versions of the document, one in full page format for the website and one in pamphlet format. She will e-mail both versions so that any typographical or other errors can be corrected. It will then be put on the website.

FOOD DRIVE

The Food Drive, which will be jointly sponsored by the Senior Services Committee and the Red Hook Seniors, will take place on Feb. 9th and Feb. 16th. The drop-off will be at the Firehouse between the hours of 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Micki said that for the last drive she had worked with Bard students and faculty in an effort to try to fill a van with donations. She offered to do the same for this Drive. Betty asked how the donations will be transported to Community Action. Micki suggested that perhaps the Bard bus could be used. She will also speak to Robert McKeon, who helped with the last drive. Andy will contact Community Action and find out if someone will be there on Feb. 9th and 16th to receive the donations.

Sheila suggested that, as a courtesy, someone from the Committee should contact the Firehouse and advise them of the Committee's plans. For this purpose, she will provide Andy with Fr. Fred Cartier's telephone number and e-mail address.

Andy showed the Committee a copy of the flyer developed by Kelly Mosher for the previous drive and said he felt that only the dates need to be changed in order to update it. He will contact Kelly, get the dates changed and forward it to Betty who will send it to all the members of the Committee.

The Committee then discussed PR for the project. The members volunteered to attend to the following:

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| Andy Kehr | Bring flyers to local stores. Speak to Paul Finch at the school re postings/kidmail. Go to Red Hook Commons. |
| Dick Franklin | Arrange for Firehouse sign and take picture of sign to be put on the website. |
| Sheila Franklin | E-mails to the Poughkeepsie Journal, Kingston Freeman, Hudson Valley Sampler, Register Star, Hudson Valley News, PANDA and the town website. Postings at the Town and Village Halls. |
| Micki Strawinski | Provide Sheila with e-mail addresses for the Register Star and Hudson Valley News. Contact local radio stations. Ask Harry Colgan to post flyer at the Tivoli Town Hall and Tivoli Library. |
| Betty Bader | Get copies of the flyer made. Bring to CVS, Nekos, IGA and the Red Hook Library. Announce event to the Red Hook Seniors. |
| Judy Walsh | Bring flyers to the Chamber of Commerce, the Post Office and local drugstores. |
| Rose Rider | Announce the drive at AARP and exercise program meetings. |
| Carl Dowden | Disseminate information to the Rotary Club. |

READ ALOUD PROGRAM

Andy asked the Committee to continue to encourage people to volunteer for this program. He asked Sheila to post a request for volunteers on the website. She will do a very brief summary of the program and provide contact details.

MEDICARE INFORMATION MEETING

Andy spoke with Town Supervisor, Sue Crane, in regard to having a Medicare Informational Meeting at the Town Hall and she supports the project. Betty will have the Office of the Aging contact Sue so that a date can be set up for the meeting. Betty said that the meeting would focus on people who are turning 65 and need enrollment information. OFA calls this presentation Medicare 101. As this would be targeted at

people who are still working and will soon qualify for Medicare, it should be scheduled in the evening.

SENIOR PROGRAMMING AT THE RECREATION PARK

Andy said that Doug Strawinski of the town Rec Park Committee is still interested in developing programs for seniors at the Park. He asked the members of the Committee to consider ideas for the Spring/Summer. In the meantime, Andy will invite Doug to the next Committee meeting so that he can present his perspective on this initiative.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Micki told the Committee that arrangements have been made for a bus load of seniors to attend a concert by the American Symphony Orchestra at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center in New York City. The concert will be free for the seniors. Transportation is being arranged and there may be a charge for that. She will provide more information as it becomes available.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2010 at 9:15 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Betty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Andy and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Minutes submitted by Sheila Franklin
Secretary, Senior Services Committee