

**MINUTES**  
**SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE**

May 13, 2010

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Andy Kehr, Chairman                      Rose Rider  
            Betty Bader                                      Judy Walsh

Also Present: Micki Strawinski, TB Liaison; Nick LaCourte, Red Hook Commons resident.

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Andy Kehr called the meeting to order at 9:25 A.M. Andy handed out copies of his monthly report to the Town Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, APRIL 22, 2010 MEETING**

As there were no changes or other modifications to the Minutes, Judy made a motion to accept them as written. The motion was seconded by Rose and all were in favor.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Andy informed the Committee that he had gone to Copy Cat and the price quoted him was \$105 for 300 sets of the seven page, double sided emergency preparedness document. Andy asked Rose if she could check how much money is left in the Committee's budget. She said that the Committee has a budget of \$300. She looked up the amount which is still available and found that there is sufficient money to fund the project. She therefore made a motion for the Committee to expend the money to have the 300 copies of the document made by Copy Cat. Judy seconded the motion and all were in favor. Nick offered to get copies put on the doors of the residents at Red Hook Commons.

Rose asked if there should be a face page. Betty suggested that there be an index. Rose felt that the emergency telephone numbers should be at the beginning of the document. Nick felt that there should be a list of Committee members. He said that seniors should know that there are resources for them and there is a committee which is working on their behalf. Andy thought that there should be a colored first page. Sheila offered to prepare the first page and e-mail it to the Committee for their approval.

Sheila pointed out that it would cost no more to duplicate the material in a brochure format than to duplicate in a standard page format. It would, however, involve folding and stapling the copies. After discussion, the Committee decided to that the document should be made into a brochure. Sheila offered to do the formatting with Dick's help, but said that she could not do so until the July meeting as it involves quite a bit of work.

Andy concluded the discussion by saying that when the cover and the reformatted material have been completed, they will be e-mailed to the Committee. Once approved

by the members, he will get a new quote from Copy Cat as the reformatting will change the number of pages.

### **EMERGENCY DRILL AT RED HOOK COMMONS**

Nick said that he had drafted a letter outlining his concerns and had given it to Micki. She got in touch with village Trustee and Deputy Mayor, Ed Blundell, with whom she will be meeting. He expressed concern regarding the best way to address the letter, i.e. to the Village Board or the management of Red Hook Commons. Nick will be providing Andy with a copy of the letter.

Andy said that the intent of the Committee is to better inform the residents of Red Hook Commons as to what to do in an emergency situation and to heighten awareness of the mobility concerns of the residents. Nick said that emergency procedures are not reviewed with the residents and also mentioned that at times there have been problems with the ability of EMT staff to enter the apartments. He said that it had been suggested that happy face stickers be put on the doors of those residents who require assistance.

### **SENIOR PROGRAMMING AT THE RECREATION PARK**

The first walk was last Wednesday, Andy said. The firehouse sign on Route 9 advertised the event and flyers were posted in town. Six people had been expected, but two cancelled. The weather turned out to be fine. The four went by car to the Rec Park. They went around the track two times. Irene Rock had made cake for the event.

Micki said she would contact Bard and try to get the Bard shuttle to take people to the Park. The shuttle may be able to take people from town to the Park as well as from Red Hook Commons. Nick will put notes on the bulletin boards at Red Hook Commons. Micki suggested getting flyers to the local doctors' offices. Betty said that it could be advertised in About Town. She will provide Sheila with contact information. Andy distributed more flyers for the Committee to disseminate and asked them to spread the word. The Committee thanked Doug Strawinski for developing the idea for this event.

### **PANDA**

Andy said that Cathy O'Connor, who has done many documentaries for PANDA, is on board and would like to come to the Committee's meetings. He said that he had asked Nina Lynch if she would like to participate, but he has not heard from her yet. The initial topic would be emergency preparedness and the document prepared by Dick Franklin could be used as the basis of the presentation. The Committee thanked Dick for his fine work. Sheila said that Dick will be working on the presentation.

### **KEY COMMUNICATOR**

Andy said that the key communicators will not only be disseminating budget information, but all relevant information from the Central School District. The people and groups who are key communicators will get information from the school supervisor and disseminate that information through community and church groups.

Andy stressed that being a key communicator involves becoming a resource to the community. It does not imply that the Committee is taking any position relative to school issues. The information will be information which seniors should know and if they want further information, they should be directed to the school district. Andy felt that in the past seniors have not had as good access to this information as they should have.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Andy brought up the question of changing the Committee's meeting time. He felt that meeting in the morning was causing a problem for those members of the Committee who are working. The average attendance at Committee meetings has been about 50%, he said and he would like to see an improvement in that figure. Judy questioned whether those members who do not attend the morning meetings would attend if the meetings were in the evening. Andy said that his objective for an evening meeting would be to begin at 7:00 P.M. and adjourn around 8:00 P.M.

After discussion, it was decided to try to hold meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. The next meeting would therefore be on June 22, 2010.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Betty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Rose and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Minutes submitted by Sheila Franklin  
Secretary, Senior Services Committee