

MINUTES
SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

April 7, 2011

ROLL CALL

Present: Andy Kehr, Chairman, Carl Dowden, Jeanne Duntz, Jennifer Fivelsdal, Richard Franklin, Nick LaCourte, Kelly Mosher
Absent: Betty Bader, Rose Rider Judy Walsh

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andy Kehr called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MARCH 3, 2011 MEETING

Andy asked if there were any changes or other modifications to the Minutes. Hearing none, Carl made a motion to accept the Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Kelly and all were in favor.

TRANSPORTATION DOCUMENT

Andy said that he had communicated the position of the Committee to the Town Board. He also spoke to the Supervisor's office and they had not received any further calls or complaints relative to the cessation of Dial A Ride services. He concluded that perhaps the individuals who had been utilizing Dial A Ride services had found accommodation for their transportation needs. He will call Mary Kaye Dolan, the Dial A Ride contact at the Division of Aging Services, to see if they have had any calls from our area.

He said that Henry Christopher has been thinking about starting up a transportation service. He and Micki are going to meet with Rhinebeck Town Supervisor, Tom Traudt in regard to use of the Rhinebeck van. Andy noted that when he discussed this matter with Marcia DiBlasi, she felt that it would not be possible for Rhinebeck to make an arrangement with Red Hook.

Nick said that there were thirteen people at Red Hook Commons who had been using Dial A Ride services. Eleven have switched to services provided by the Friendship Center at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Andy asked if they had tried to put together any arrangements on their own. Nick replied that they are trying to do that through their internal newsletter. Andy asked if any of the residents have come forward to volunteer to drive others. Nick said that there have no formal arrangements, but the residents have started to double and triple up when they go shopping.

WALK PROGRAM

Andy said that he will be checking with Doug Strawinski regarding the beginning date for the program this year. He noted that the program got off to a good start last year. He said that when Doug announces the start date of the program, the Committee will arrange for the usual publicity, viz. the website, PANDA and the newspapers. Andy noted that Doug is open to suggestions from the Committee regarding this and/or other leisure programs.

PANDA PROGRAM

Andy asked Dick if he had gotten together with Cathy O'Connor regarding the program for PANDA. Dick said that due to all the bad weather this winter, they had not had a meeting. However, he will be following up on this matter. He also said that he had attended a meeting at the school and had given them a copy of the Emergency Preparedness Brochure.

FIRE SAFETY AT RED HOOK COMMONS

Andy said that Micki Strawinski has a Bard intern working on a fire safety brochure for Red Hook Commons.

ALWAYS THERE HOME CARE

Andy said that he had heard from Deborah Glassey, the Executive Director of the agency. She was very appreciative of the opportunity to meet with the Committee. She gave Andy several flyers for the program which the members of the Committee took and will distribute.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESCRIPTION TAKE BACK DAY

Dick told the Committee that there will be a prescription medication take back day at the Village Hall on April 30th. This is an important event, not only because of possible mistakes in taking medication but because some children have been engaging in substance. Andy asked Sheila to post the information regarding this event on the Committee's page on the town website.

FOOD DRIVE

Andy asked the Committee if they want to do another Food Drive in the Spring. He noted that Community Action is happy to accept donations at any time of year. After discussion, it was determined that the Committee would like to sponsor another Food Drive and the dates were tentatively set for June 7th and June 14th. Jeanne will check to see if the seniors will be having meetings on these dates. Collection of donations will be from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, as it was previously. Andy will check with the Firehouse.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andy said that a Caregivers' Support Group is meeting every third Monday from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Saint Francis Home Care, 26 IBM Road in Poughkeepsie. It is open to the public and is free of charge. He also said that there will be a program on Memory Loss and Aging on Wednesday, April 13th from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Cornell Cooperative Extension at 2715 Route 44 in Millbrook. He asked Sheila to post these announcements on the website.

APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Nick asked if the Committee will be having a table at the Apple Blossom Festival which will take place on May 7th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Committee agreed that it wishes to participate. Carl will arrange with Rotary (which is sponsoring the event) for

the Committee to have a table. Andy will check with Carl and then send an e-mail so that committee members can sign up to man the table in shifts. It was agreed that 150 copies of the Emergency Preparedness Brochure and 50 copies of the Senior Newsletter should be made and handed out at the event. Dick and Sheila will get a master of each document to Andy and he will bring them to Copy Cat to be duplicated. There will also be handouts from the Division of Aging Services.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on May 5, 2011 at 9:15 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Carl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kelly and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Minutes submitted by:
Sheila Franklin
Secretary, Sr. Services Committee