

MINUTES
SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

March 15, 2012

ROLL CALL

Present: Betty A'Brial, Jeanne Duntz, Richard Franklin, Nancy Finkle, Nick LaCourte
Rose Rider

Absent: Andy Kehr, Chairman, Betty Bader, Carl Dowden, Kelly Mosher

Also Present: Brenda Cagle, TB Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andy Kehr was unable to attend due to illness. In his absence, the meeting was chaired by Dick Franklin. Dick called the meeting to order at 9:20 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FEB. 2, 2012 MEETING

Dick asked if there were any changes or other modifications to the Minutes. Jeanne noted that although she was not present her name was cited at least twice in the Minutes as offering comments. These references should be deleted. Rose made a motion to accept the Minutes with the correction made by Jeanne. The motion was seconded by Jeanne and all were in favor

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

Dick asked the Committee if they had any changes to the Newsletter. Rose said that the Division of Aging Services has a program which offers legal assistance to those over the age of sixty who cannot afford it. However, it is only for urgent situations, e.g. evictions, loss of home, etc. Help is also offered with Social Services programs such as SSI, Food Stamps, etc. Applicants are referred to an attorney in Poughkeepsie.

Nancy brought a new listing of Division of Aging Services. The list was extensive and filled a full page. The Committee agreed that this was important information and that the whole page should be appended to the Newsletter. Although it was felt that there would not be a problem in reproducing this information, it was decided that Rose would call the Division of Aging Services as a courtesy. Betty A'Brial said that Aging Services has a program which will lend money for home repairs. Rose and Betty A'Brial will inquire and obtain the details of that program.

Brenda said that there is a program for a partial exemption from NYS property taxes for senior citizens. She gave secretary Sheila Franklin a copy of the brochure for that program. A discussion of bus services ensued. Nick said that the bus route includes stops at the new medical building and the Stop and Shop. He said that a discounted fare is available. Following is a synopsis of the bus rates discussed at the January meeting of the Committee.

Fixed Route	\$1.75
Fixed Route for seniors, those with disabilities, veterans and students	\$.75
Paratransit (one way) (Based on federal regulations, this fare is twice the regular fare.)	\$3.50
Flex (within Red Hook)	\$5.00
Flex (to another town)	\$6.00

Nick said that there are several changes of Page 3 of the Newsletter. Rather than take the time of the Committee, he offered to call Sheila with this information. Rose is going to be checking on the information on the Historical Society on Page 2. She said that Aging Services offers a program at the Catholic Church in Rhinebeck. Nick was familiar with the program. He said that they offer a \$3.00 lunch and activities. They also run shopping trips to Stop & Shop and Walmart. He is going to mail information to Sheila on this program.

Several changes to dates, telephone numbers, etc. were made by the various members of the Committee. Sheila offered to make these changes and send out a Draft of the amended document.

FOOD DRIVE

The Food Drive will be held on Mar. 20th and 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. at the Firehouse. Jeanne said that she has informed the Seniors of the dates. Dick asked for a volunteer to help set up the firehouse sign. Nick offered to help, but asked how he can get the letters. As Dick is a member of the Fire Department and has access to the building, he will work with Nick to get the letters and set up the sign. The Fire Department will get it to the roadside. Jeanne mentioned that the sign should be placed so that it is visible from Firehouse Lane as you go to Route 9. Dick said that it must be perpendicular to Route 9 so that it can read from both directions.

Betty A'Brial asked how the Drive will work. Jeanne explained that she and the Senior group greet those who come to offer donations and Community Action picks up the donations at 3:00 P.M. Jeanne mentioned that some people do not know that donations can be made directly to Community Action. It was suggested that this be mentioned in the Newsletter.

Brenda asked about PR. Sheila said that PANDA, the Poughkeepsie Journal and the Kingston Freeman have already been notified. Betty A'Brial asked if the sign near the Holy Cow could be used to advertise the Drive. She offered to inquire about this. Dick said that the Masons advertise their events on a sign which is on Rt. 199 going into Red Hook. He will call Bill Crane to inquire about using this sign.

Sheila reminded the Committee that Sue McCann has copies of the flyer and they can pick up copies from her for distribution. A discussion ensued regarding places where the flyer can be left. Jeanne asked if the Council of Churches could help. Betty A'Brial said

that an announcement could be made at one of their meetings. Sheila suggested that flyers be brought to the meeting for distribution to the churches which are represented. Betty A'Brial will look into that.

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Tabled until next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2012 at 9:15 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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