

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

April 5, 2012

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Andy Kehr, Chairman, Betty A'Brial, Betty Bader, Jeanne Duntz, Nancy Finkle,  
Richard Franklin, Rose Rider  
Absent: Carl Dowden, Nick LaCourte, Kelly Mosher  
Also Present: Brenda Cagle, TB Liaison

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Andy Kehr called the meeting to order at 9:22 A.M. He thanked all the members of the Committee for their continued efforts while he was ill. He also thanked Dick Franklin for chairing the March meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MAR. 15, 2012 MEETING**

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

**FOOD DRIVE**

The Food Drive had originally been scheduled for March 20th and 27th. However these dates had to be changed because the special election was held on March 20th with voting at the Firehouse. The Food Drive was therefore held on March 27th and April 3rd. Jeanne reported that the turnout on March 27 was very poor. Besides the Seniors, only two people came with donations. However the response on April 3rd was much better. Andy said that the first week of the Drive occurred during school break, which might help account for the poor response. Jeanne said that Community Action came at 3:00 P.M. and picked up the donations.

Andy thanked Dick and Nick for setting up both the Firehouse sign and the Masons' sign. Unfortunately, the lettering on the Firehouse sign was taken off and not used due to a previous commitment made by the Firehouse. Andy said that thanks are due to Town Supervisor, Sue Crane, who arranged for the town to purchase a sign after Dick talked with her about the mix up with the Firehouse sign. The Town sign was put up promptly and will now be available for future events. Andy said he was pleased with the showing on the second day of the drive and added that Community Action is always appreciative of donations.

**JUNE FOOD DRIVE**

Betty A'Brial said that she is a member of the Council of Churches and that group was concerned because children are able to get breakfast at school during the school year, but not during the summer. Therefore a suggestion was made at the Council that a breakfast event be held during the summer. There was concern, however, as to how to get the children to such an event in the village. Jeanne said that before the end of the school year perhaps families could apply for a voucher which could be used at Hannaford. Andy

suggested that if the Committee held a Drive, perhaps the parents could come and pick up the items they need.

Rose said that the Committee might conduct a food drive with an emphasis on breakfast items. Dick suggested calling it "Give a Child a Breakfast." Brenda said that information might be given to the children who participate in the summer programs. Andy said that he could call the school Superintendent and find out how many children get breakfast at the school. Jeanne offered to find that out.

Betty A'Brial said that since the Council of Churches is looking into this issue, perhaps the Committee could work with the Council. Jeanne returned to the idea of having a food drive with breakfast items. Andy agreed, provided that the number of children involved is not so large that it would not be possible to get enough donations. Jeanne said that the items needed should be specified. Betty A'Brial said that it should be done before the school year ends. Andy said that the Committee needs to look at the school calendar. Betty A'Brial suggested having a donation box placed in the Village. Also, items might be collected on Apple Blossom Day. Andy said that the event would have to be advertised.

Jeanne mentioned that the Committee did have a summer drive in June of last year. She offered to find out the number of children signed up for breakfast at the school. She said that families apply for the breakfast and a determination is made as to whether or not they qualify. She did not know whether the families pay a reduced fee or no fee at all; however the school does not let anyone know which children are involved in the program. She left the meeting briefly to make a telephone call and obtain information. When she returned, she said that there are 40 to 50 children enrolled in the breakfast program at Linden, 50 at Mill Road and 40 to 60 at the High School. The total, therefore, is about 150 children. She also said that the Seniors will be meeting on June 5th and 12th.

Andy felt that these numbers were viable and he was receptive to the idea of a food drive with breakfast items. He said that he assumed that the families of the children in the program do not have enough money to pay for breakfast for them or cannot be there for them at breakfast time. He said that he would ask Community Action if it would be possible to have a "Give a Child a Breakfast" drive and have the items donated earmarked for that purpose. He will also call Fr. Fred at the Firehouse.

Brenda suggested calculating what it costs to feed a child a breakfast and ask for donations in that amount. Andy said that a donation could be mentioned in the flyer for the event. Brenda said that donations might also be made on Apple Blossom Day. Betty Bader asked whether the Committee is allowed to ask for donations. Andy responded by saying that it might be better to keep it to donated goods.

Andy said that a flyer could be put together at the next meeting in May. The event can be advertised through the e-mails which the school sends out. The flyer could list appropriate items to donate. Jeanne suggested powdered milk as one of these items.

After discussion, there was consensus that the drive be a one day event on June 12th at the Firehouse.

### **SENIOR NEWSLETTER**

The information on the Loop Bus on P. 5 was discussed. Concern was expressed about the fact that schedule changes are made at times. Andy said that the schedule might be put on the website. Dick suggested a presentation at the Town Board as the Town Board meetings are aired on PANDA. Andy suggested contacting Cynthia Ruiz to see if she would be willing to come to a Town Board meeting.

Rose asked if the Committee can get a listing of Community Action programs. Jeanne said that many people are just over the income level which would qualify them for Medicaid. Rose said that it should be emphasized that there are no income qualifications for Community Action programs. She suggested that the Red Hook Observer might do an article on Community Action. Andy said that the Sampler could also be a resource in this regard. He said that he would call Community Action, make these suggestions and also get a current brochure from them.

Andy asked if the newsletter had been checked page by page at the previous meeting. As it had not, he requested the members to bring any changes to the next meeting. Once the necessary changes have been made, any appropriate new material can be added. It was suggested that the lectures at Northern Dutchess Hospital be included. Betty Bader will send the material to secretary Sheila Franklin.

Jeanne read off the page assignments from the Minutes of the February 2nd meeting. Andy requested that everyone use the pagination in the latest version of the Newsletter to fulfill their assignments. Rose will check the miscellaneous items and Medicare. Jeanne and Andy will do page 7. Page 8 has been checked. Andy will do home health agencies and the remainder of that page. Nick had page 3. Andy will update Nick.

### **TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

Andy will contact Linda Keeling and Bob McKeon regarding the possibility of working on obtaining grants.

### **SENIOR WALK PROGRAM**

Andy asked for a volunteer to speak with Doug Strawinski about this program. Betty A'Brial offered to do this and then call Andy. The program was a weekly one and June Rock had been organizing it and bringing in baked goods.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **TRAILS COMMITTEE**

The Trails Committee is asking for volunteers to work the registration table at the bike event, the Tour de Red Hook. Brenda said that crossing guards are also needed. The event will take place on April 19th, with a rain date of May 6th. It will take place from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. and volunteers should arrive at 12:30. Jeanne said that she would mention this request at the Seniors meeting.

**HEART HEALTH MEETINGS**

St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers will present a talk on Heart Health on Tuesday, April 24th from 4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. at the Wingate at Dutchess located at 3 Summit Court in Fishkill. A liaison from St. Francis will be presenting a Medication Management talk in Red Hook in October.

**VISIT FROM SARAH ROGINE, CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Sarah Rogine, Outreach Coordinator for Catholic Charities, will join the Committee for the next meeting on May 3rd. Her focus will be on nutrition. She has spoken to Nick about the possibility of addressing the residents at Red Hook Common.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on May 3, 2012 at 9:15 A.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Betty Bader and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

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