

MINUTES
SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

June 7, 2012

ROLL CALL

Present: Andy Kehr, Chairman, Betty Bader, Carl Dowden, Jeanne Duntz, Nancy Finkle, Richard Franklin

Absent: Betty A'Brial, Nick LaCourte, Kelly Mosher, Rose Rider

Also Present: Brenda Cagle, TB Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MAY 3, 2012 MEETING

Andy asked if there were any changes or other modifications to the Minutes. Jeanne said that Page 3, line 4 should state that Jeanne's daughter is Director of Food Services, not Betty's daughter. Nancy made a motion to accept the Minutes with this correction. The motion was seconded by Jeanne and all were in favor.

JUNE FOOD DRIVE

Andy said that the Food Drive was advertised prominently in the Red Hook Observer. Sheila Franklin, Secretary, verified that the flyer had been sent to the newspapers and to PANDA. Betty Bader noted that Micki Strawinski sent out an e-mail regarding the Drive. Andy told the Committee that he had gone to Red Hook Signs and asked if they could update the sign which they had made for the previous Food Drive by changing the date. They obliged by printing a new sign as a courtesy. The sign has been put up outside the Town Hall.

Andy said that he had contacted the school to arrange to have the food drive information included in the virtual backpack. The school started their virtual backpack program a few months ago. All notices approved by the school are included. On June 6th, Andy said that he had a meeting with School Superintendant Paul Finch, Mary Marshall, Director of Dutchess County Catholic Charities Community Services, Sarah Rogine, Training Coordinator - Food Stamps for Catholic Charities Community Services and a representative from the Food Services Department. The intent of the meeting was to get information about the Food Stamp program to the children who receive a subsidized breakfast/lunch. The meeting was very productive and in the future literature about the Food Stamp program will be included with the applications for the subsidized food programs. The Food Stamp information will not be embedded in the backpack among the many notices therein, but will be sent separately with a cover note by Paul Finch expressing his approval.

Dick said that he was going to be contacting Fr. Fred relative to the Fire Department sign and he will also contact the Masons relative to their sign. He will try to get the signs up over the week-end. Jeanne and Brenda volunteered to help Dick set up the signs.

Betty A'Brial said that she is arranging for the sign on Rte. 9 on the south side of the town.

Andy said that Mr. Finch had a question regarding making a monetary donation to the Food Drive. After discussion, the Committee decided that any check to be donated to the Drive should be made out to Community Action with the stipulation that it be earmarked for the Food Drive. Sheila clarified that the donation made by the Order of the Eastern Star will be a food donation. The Star voted to give Sheila a check in the amount of \$50 to purchase food to be donated to the Drive.

Jeanne informed the Committee that the Seniors have changed the date of their luncheon to June 19th and that they therefore will be having a meeting on the 12th. Thus Jeanne will be at the Firehouse for the Drive.

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

The Committee discussed changes and additions to the Newsletter. Jeanne suggested the addition of the Are U Okay program run by the Sheriff's Department and the Office for the Aging. Brenda Cagle said that the Assessor's Office has information on partial tax exemption programs for seniors, veterans, and disabled individuals. Flyers with information about each of these programs were provided to Sheila for inclusion in the Newsletter. Andy asked Sheila to send out e-mails reminding Carl, Rose, Kelly and Betty Bader to complete their reviews of the pages they were assigned. Andy felt that it would be good if the Committee could complete the revisions to the Newsletter by Hardscrabble Day so that the updated document could be distributed at that event.

The Committee then discussed the feasibility of holding the AARP tax assistance program in Red Hook. They had several concerns and questions about security issues. Betty Bader thought that the Library did not have adequate private space to hold this program. It was decided to discuss the matter further to determine whether it might be possible to run the program in either Red Hook or Tivoli next year. Andy thought that it would be a realistic goal and that people would take advantage of the program.

OTHER BUSINESS

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS BOOKLET

Dick gave a report on the Disaster Preparedness Booklet which he had previously prepared for the Committee. It is now under the purview of the Disaster Preparedness Committee. That Committee is currently holding meetings on local plans for dealing with medications, food, risk management and other issues during emergencies. They will be updating the Booklet based upon their findings and will be doing PR in the local newspapers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATION

Brenda said that Cynthia Ruiz will be making a presentation to the Town Board.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on July 5, 2012 at 9:15 A.M. There will be no meeting in August. A schedule of the meetings for the remainder of the year will be e-mailed to the members of the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Carl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dick and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

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