

MINUTES
SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

September 10, 2014

ROLL CALL

Present: Andy Kehr, Chairman, Jeanne Duntz, Richard Franklin, Nick LaCourte, Don Peterson, Marge Roberts, Ed Sandfort
Absent: Betty A'Brial, Betty Bader, Rose Rider
Also Present: Brenda Cagle, Town Board Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andy Kehr called the meeting to order at 9:25 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, JUNE 4, 2014 MEETING

Andy distributed copies of the Minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting. He asked the Board to review the Minutes and suggest any changes or modifications they felt might be necessary. Hearing no motions for change, Jeanne made a motion to accept the Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Don and all were in favor.

FOOD DRIVE OF JUNE 17, 2014

Andy reported that the Food Drive was extremely successful. The weather was good. The Red Hook Police participated, as did Micki Strawinski. Andy spoke with Janice of Community Action and she said that the evening hours were very good. She sent a thank you letter which Andy will share at the next meeting.

AGING IN PLACE PROGRAMS

Andy reviewed the discussion from the previous meeting as well as the meeting with the Red Hook Seniors. The Seniors provide many of the services which are offered by the aging in place organizations. A listing of contractors is not presently being offered, but is to be developed.

He said that the Committee should publicize the services offered by the Friends of Seniors. Jeanne said that she would contact the organization to see if someone could make a presentation to the Red Hook Seniors. Andy said that he would like to see the Seniors advertise and develop a list of contractors. Sheila said that she and Dick had been to a Rhinebeck Matters meeting and the organization offers not only help in finding a contractor, but the help of member volunteers when small things (such as minor fixes which require getting up on a ladder) have to be done around one's house. Brenda said that another service which is missing is a list of members with similar interests who can be contacted.

SENIOR BULLETIN

Andy reported that Secretary Sheila Franklin had reviewed the corrections so far received from the Committee members. The only information which is needed is the report on walk-in clinics and veterans discounts which was to have been done by Betty Bader. Andy will contact Betty and ask her to e-mail the information to Sheila. He asked

Sheila to make sure that the services offered by the Friends of Seniors are included in the Bulletin. He said that the revised Bulletin should be distributed to doctors' offices, Northern Dutchess Hospital, churches, senior groups and civic organizations.

Dick mentioned that the town's Disaster Preparedness Committee is also updating their publication.

PRESENTATION BY DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Andy told the Committee that he is thinking of inviting the Dutchess County Sheriff's office to make another presentation on scams which might affect the residents of the area. The Committee agreed and thought that a weekday morning would be the best time for seniors to attend. Andy said he would try to schedule the presentation prior to mid-November, before the weather gets bad. There was a brief discussion regarding scam e-mails. Andy said that if you do not know who the e-mail is from, you should not open it. Dick said that the rule is to delete any message if you do not know who it is from.

Andy emphasized that at the last presentation Officer Stomack encouraged people not to hesitate to call the Police if they suspect any problems. Andy will be contacting Officer Stomack to request that he make another presentation.

OTHER ISSUES

It was mentioned that i-phones now have a system whereby vitals can be transmitted to a doctor's office. Nick expressed concern regarding a problem with the sidewalk next to Migliorelli's farm stand. It is uneven and people have fallen down. Brenda said that that would be an issue for the Mayor of the Village.

Andy said that he has attempted several times to contact Cynthia Ruiz regarding the transportation issue but has not been successful in reaching her.

Nick asked if the Committee is doing anything for Hardscrabble Day this year and Andy responded that they are not.

SENIOR EXPO

Marge asked Andy about the mission of the Committee. Andy said that basically the Committee needs to have the pulse of the needs of the community. Dick said that the group acts as a facilitator, consolidating ideas and getting them out to the community. Andy told Marge that the mission statement of the Committee is on the town's website.

He mentioned that the Committee had sponsored an Senior Expo about seven or eight years ago. It focused on the major issues in the community and brought together agencies providing services in the area. He thought that doing another Senior Expo would be a wonderful idea, but it would also be a major undertaking. He felt that it could not be done until the end of the summer of 2015, perhaps in September. Dick said that if we do it in the Fall, we can get the young people involved.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Andy asked if the first Wednesday of the month is still a good time for the members of the Committee to meet. The dates for the next few months were reviewed and it was agreed to keep the first Wednesday meeting date.

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 1, 2014 at 9:15 A.M. at the Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

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

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