

MINUTES
SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

November 5, 2014

ROLL CALL

Present: Andy Kehr, Chairman, Betty A'Brial, Betty Bader, Jeanne Duntz, Richard Franklin, Don Peterson, Rose Rider, Marge Roberts
Absent: Ed Sandfort

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andy Kehr called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, OCTOBER 1, 2014 MEETING

Andy asked if there were any changes or modifications to the Minutes. Hearing none, Jeanne made a motion to accept the Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dick and all were in favor. Andy said that his agenda for today will focus on the safety presentation, the Senior Expo and the change of meeting times.

SENIOR SAFETY TALK

Andy said that he had spoken to Sgt. Stelmack and had also sent an announcement about the event to Micki Strawinski. Secretary Sheila Franklin has done the necessary PR work. An announcement has gone to the Poughkeepsie Journal, the Kingston Freeman, the River Chronicle and PANDA TV. The announcement has also been posted at the Town Hall, on the Town Hall website and has been sent to Linda Stoddard so that she can forward it to her e-mail distribution list. Andy said that he has informed the Red Hook Seniors and asked everyone to get the word out. At Jeanne's suggestion, Andy will contact the school and try to get the announcement included in the virtual backpack.

SENIOR EXPO

Andy said that he had spoken to Paul Finch and Donna Slater at the High School. The Committee will have to submit the proper forms and arrange for insurance. He asked the Committee if they want to have the event, emphasizing that it will require a great deal of commitment. Various subcommittees will have to be created. Jeanne asked if the Committee has a school schedule and Andy said that he is in contact with the school in this regard.

Given the magnitude of this endeavor, Don asked how Andy thought the Committee could get it done. Andy suggested that perhaps the Committee could get more help for the project. We need more manpower, he said. Jeanne said that it would be easier to make a decision if we had an outline of the work which would be involved.

Marge had made a list of topics which might be addressed. However Andy said that what was needed was an outline of the work process, e.g. vendors, refreshments, etc. Rose said that she had spoken to Hannaford and a request must be submitted in writing on letterhead and brought to them several months in advance. This is in sharp contrast to their response to the previous Expo. At that time, Hannaford was new and they were

therefore willing to do anything the Committee asked in order to become known in the community. After further discussion, the following components of the preparation process were identified:

1. Vendors
2. Refreshments
3. Guest Speakers
4. Panel Discussions & Break Out Sessions (2 or 3 sessions going on simultaneously)
5. Marketing & PR
6. Budgetary Issues
7. Set Up & Break Down

Rose said that finding locations for all the speakers would be a problem. Andy said that at the last Expo, the Committee had use of the Cafeteria and hearing the speakers was a problem. Re the panel discussion, Andy said that the group would have to decide which issues would be discussed. The vendors and the panel discussion are very important components of the Expo. The question of whether the vendors should be charged was brought up. Rose said that this was not done last time and should not be done now. They are already losing a day of work by participating.

Betty A'Brial asked if the Expo should be held on a school holiday. Andy said it would probably be held on a week-end. Betty suggested that the Committee check on what is going on in town on the day which is scheduled in order to avoid conflicts. Jeanne suggested contacting the other organizations to let them know about the Expo. Rose said that if the Expo is held in the Fall the issue of changes in insurance could be addressed by vendors. That could be one of the breakout sessions. However, she continued, health should not be the only issue. Obtaining help from contractors/handyman is always an issue and leisure groups could be included. Dick suggested that the Woodcarvers group might be able to participate.

Andy said that the subcommittees would have to be composed of more than one person and that therefore the people would have to be on more than one subcommittee. We need to find out, he continued, whether we can get other people to join the Committee. Further, Andy said, the Committee would have to meet throughout the summer in order to accomplish the work required.

The task for the next meeting, he said, is to find more people to join the Committee. Dick suggested putting something on PANDA; however Andy felt that face to face contacts with people you know would be better. He said that we need three or four new people in order to accomplish the Expo project. He suggested contacting senior groups, exercise groups, AARP, etc. He said that if enough people do not join, he would be hesitant to embark upon this project.

SENIOR BROCHURE

It was determined that all the revisions to the previous brochure were in. A vote was taken and all were in favor of moving ahead with this project now.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Andy said that, due to changes in his work schedule, he can no longer meet with the Committee on a work day morning. In addition, he continued, we will no longer be having short meetings. Rose said that the subcommittees will have meet separately. Andy said that he could continue as Committee Chair only on a week-end morning. There were no objections from the members of the Committee.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at the Town Hall. Andy will speak with the Town Hall about this change in time and will contact the members of the Committee if necessary. He asked everyone to come to this meeting with an outline for each subcommittee.

ADJOURNMENT

Don 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: 32 A.M.

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