

MINUTES
SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

April 22, 2015

ROLL CALL

Present: Andy Kehr, Chairman, Betty A'Brial, Jeanne Duntz, Nancy Finkle, Richard Franklin, Don Peterson, Marge Roberts, Rose Rider

Absent: Ed Sandfort

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andy Kehr called the meeting to order at 9: 09 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MARCH 7, 2015 MEETING

Andy asked if there were any changes or modifications to the Minutes. Hearing none, Dick made a motion to accept the Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Don and all were in favor. Secretary Sheila Franklin will do the March 25th Minutes based on the notes taken by Marge.

Andy announced that Sheila is going to be stepping down from the Secretary position. He praised her meticulous work, especially stressing her liaison with the media to publicize events sponsored by the Committee. He said that he has also received notification from Ed Sandfort that he will also be stepping down due to ill health

SENIOR EXPO

Andy said that the Secretary is key to planning the Expo. It will be necessary to have detailed Minutes and someone to handle the PR. The loss of Sheila and Ed raises concerns about the Expo. Andy said that he will not feel comfortable unless the Committee has someone to do the Secretary's work by the next meeting. We cannot do the Expo without a secretary. He said that the Committee will need to find someone by May. Sheila said that the Town might have a list of people who have already applied for positions or, alternatively, one of the present part time employees might be interested in taking on a few more hours of work. Andy said that he will speak to Supervisor Sue Crane and her secretary, Linda Stoddard.

Andy asked if anyone had any ideas about someone to take over this position and do both the secretarial work and the PR liaison work. Dick made a recommendation that the Committee put off the Expo for a while, citing health issues relative to himself and Sheila. Andy said that when the Committee did the last Expo a decade ago, there were three or four more people. He suggested that the Committee might hold the event next year. and put the vendor information together in the meantime.

Don asked whether the school is the best venue for the event. Rose mentioned the new Community Center which is supposed to be opening on Fisk St. Andy said that he will check out the building. Rose mentioned that parking there is limited. Last time the Committee looked at possibilities, she said, it came down to the school or the fair

grounds. Jeanne said that if the Committee waits, there will be time to make this decision.

Andy asked if the Committee is in agreement not to do the Expo this year. If the Committee decides not to have the event, he could call the school to let them know. Andy proposed that the Committee postpone the Expo until the Fall of 2016 but continue to work on planning. The motion was seconded by Nancy and all were in favor. He suggested that the Committee move forward by putting together lists of vendors. He said that 80% of the work is putting together the lists of vendors and panel participants. Rose said that she had already sent a letter to Hannaford and Nancy has contacted Medical Guardian medical alert systems. Rose asked if the Expo could be held in the Spring or Fall. Andy said that this would not be good timing as athletics would be going on in the gyms at that time.

Andy asked the Committee members to talk to people about joining the Committee. Betty A'Brial said that she had several people in mind to whom she can talk. Jeanne asked if members have to be seniors and Andy said that they do not.

Andy asked the members of the Committee to be prepared to come to the next meeting with a list of possible vendors, including telephone numbers or e-mail addresses. Dick has offered to set up a database when he gets the information. Don verified that the members should not be contacting the possible vendors now, but simply providing a list to be used later. Marge said that she will get a list of the vendors who participated at the expo at Northern Dutchess Hospital. Don asked if the members could e-mail their lists to Dick and Dick said yes. Anyone who is not comfortable with doing that can bring the list in to the meeting. It can be handwritten as long as it legible. Andy asked that all the Committee members be copied on any lists that are sent to Dick.

Andy said that the Committee will not work on the panels yet, just the vendors. He will notify the school that the Committee is withdrawing its application and he will be speaking with Supervisor Sue Crane regarding the Secretary position.

FOOD DRIVE

Andy said that he received an e-mail from Village Trustee Jennifer Norris saying that the Girl Scouts would love to help out if we have a Food Drive. A discussed ensued regarding establishing a date for the Food Drive. It was decided that Dick will check with Fr. Fred Cartier regarding use of the Firehouse for the Drive on either June 2nd or June 9th. Secretary Sheila Franklin will e-mail the previous flyer to Andy as well as the PR contact list. Andy will contact Community Action. Betty A'Brial suggested contacting the churches so that they can include the event in their newsletters. She also has information regarding use of the sign at the south end of town. Andy will check into use of the town sign and Dick will speak to Fred Cartier about the Fire Department sign.

As the next meeting will be on May 27th, preparations for the Food Drive will have to be handled by e-mails once the date is finalized. Andy requested that Dick let him know the date which is approved by the Firehouse as soon as possible.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. at the Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Don and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

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