

CHC Meeting

December 2, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:09.

Members Present: Kate Bender, Nancy Howard, Maura Carver and Janet Klinck

Minutes were reviewed and there was one change necessary. The dates for the 2016 meetings list a July meeting. CHC does not meet in July. Nancy made a Motion to accept the minutes with the one change; Kate seconded; Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Nothing new to report regarding finances. There is one deposit to be made which Cathy indicated would be made tomorrow.
2. Stuff a Cruiser. The following was reported:
Event was held on Sunday, 11.15.15, 10am-2pm

\$178.66 rec'd Adams gift cards (cards were hole punched and labels were affixed indicating no alcohol or tobacco may be purchased with gift cards)

\$185.00 rec'd cash donations

\$1000.00 rec'd checks donations (\$500/each from Margaret Eagan and Frances Eagen)

\$1200 from DR Community Fund used to purchase Adams gift cards (48 \$25 cards)

Printed 100 shopping lists (about a dozen placed around the store)

It was great that Food Pantry staff were available to accept donations as they came in and put everything away. Recommended they do that next year as well.

Suggestions for next year:

Make sure we have a good sandwich board sign out in front of Adams

Get balloons for sign

Perhaps a large banner to hang on cruiser so shoppers recognize what's going on

Make more shopping lists (~125)

Make shelf talkers for store so they stand out better than shopping lists; bright colored paper. "Stuff a cruiser needs SWEET POTATOES" or "Stuff a cruiser needs COOKIES"

See if police/Gina will do some kind of publicity also.

3. VNLV update: Kate's 3 year reign as president is over. Bob Sampson is the new president. All other officers remain the same.

Great news: It was announced that the VNLV was listed in the Homecare Elite Top 100!

The new clinical supervisor resigned. Deborah will be overseeing that position until it is

filled. There is a nurse liaison that has been building strong relationships with Middlesex, Lawrence and Memorial, and Yale New Haven hospitals which has helped with referrals.

With the additional referrals, they are in need of more companions to work with their patients. Looking to fill these positions as soon as possible.

There is no December meeting. They will reconvene in January, 2016.

4. Maura asked that everyone provide the contact names for any business that contributed to Soup's On. If she doesn't get names soon, she'll address notes generically. Maura also created a Thank You log sheet for members to use to keep track of donations in order to get thank you's out in a timely manner.
5. Shore Discount will be hosting their annual wine tasting on Thursday, December 10th. Admission price is as much non-perishable food items that each person can bring. All food donations will go to the food pantry. This committee has been responsible for getting food over to the pantry on the night of the event. We are looking for anyone to help with loading and transporting to the pantry. Please contact Janet to help.
6. Looking toward 2016:
We still need two members to sit on the VNLV board. We are required to have 3 members from Deep River. Historically, we have only had one member representing Deep River. There was discussion that it's difficult to get 3 members of this committee to commit as we are a small committee of 8. It was suggested that we approach First Selectman Smith to consider amending the requirement that the representative to the VNLV board must also be a member of CHC. The VNLV board is looking for volunteers from varied backgrounds i.e. accounting, human resources, marketing, etc. and perhaps the First Selectman knows of talented citizens that would be willing to serve on the VNLV board.

Our Chairperson, Maura Carver, will be stepping down as chair. We are looking for someone to take over this position as well as finalizing all officer positions for the board. Tabled until January meeting.

Discussion regarding formatting the CHC with sub-committees took place. The idea would be to have a point person for each major project/event which might be a more efficient way to handle things. For example, one person takes the lead on the Food Pantry, another for Soup's On. Projects to lead also include Selectman's News submissions, letter campaign (if continued), Stuff a Cruiser. To continue discussion in January.

We have one opening on the CHC and would like to fill asap.

Kate made a Motion to adjourn the meeting; Nancy seconded; Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Klinck