



TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT

Community Health Committee

Minutes of September 5, 2016 meeting, meeting Place: DR Town Hall, 174 Main St, Deep River

In attendance: Claire Walsh, Lori Gregan, Janice Kmetz, Kim Olson, Nancy Howard, Russell Marth, Janet Klink

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Russell Marth, Chairman. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. Marth kept the minutes for the meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes of the July 2016 was made by J. Kmetz and seconded by C. Walsh. No changes were proposed, minutes accepted by vote 7-0.

Review of finances:

Total funds as of Sept 1: \$84,130.75. This includes both the Deep River Community Fund and the Memorial Fund. The amount is up very slightly since the last meeting, in July. It was noted by the Chairman that there were some bills coming due soon, to pay for food vouchers previously assigned by the social services director.

Articles for DR Selectman's Newsletter:

It was agreed that an article done in conjunction with the Visiting Nurses Director might benefit both the CHC and the VNLV if a suitable health-related subject could be found. Mr. Marth will work with the VNLV director toward that goal.

Food Pantry update:

No contact with social services during the previous month. It was noted that some of the items that the CHC had asked to be removed from the social services office had been taken away.

Soup for You update

Considerable time was devoted to final planning of this event, which is one of the major fund-raising events the CHC conducts each year. Several members volunteered to contact local restaurants to inquire if they will provide a gallon of soup for the event. The list is as follows.

Kmetz: Simons, Dr Pizza and Calamari's Tavern

Klink: Wades and (also) Calamari's

Gregan: DaVinci Pizzeria, Red House and Blue Hound

Walsh: The Ivory and The Whistle Stop

Marth: Hally Jo's and Fremut Service

Howard: Dough On Main

Set up may be on Saturday, either early in the day or in the evening, to be determined at the October meeting. Supplies will be gathered (K. Olson will work on this item). Other necessary supplies were discussed and assigned.

Cruiser Night Food Collection – June 28th

Ms. Walsh reported that the food collection at the second Cruiser Night (Platwood Park) went very well. A good amount of food and some monetary donations were collected. R. Marth reported that all cash donations from both "Cruiser Nights" were given to the town's accounts manager the previous day, in the form of a personal check. Total dollar amount was \$82.00. The food that was collected was placed in the social services/food pantry building on the night it was collected.

New pamphlet for CHC

Mrs. Olson has previously given the final version of the new CHC/Social Services pamphlet to R. Marth, who made several copies which are now on display outside the town clerk's office.

VNLV news, as available

No news was available. VNLV board is on vacation thru the summer. Mr. Marth will join C. Walsh as a board member of the VNLV, representing the CHC and town of Deep River, beginning this fall.

Family Day

It was noted that Family Day is Sept 17th. CHC will have a table, as normal, and use the new banners. Russ, Grace, Nancy and Kim will be available for duty that day.

Donation Mailing

R. Marth reported that most of the mailing pieces were ordered and we are awaiting delivery the week of Sept 11th. The outstanding item is the letter itself, which is being printed. A few members volunteered to deliver the mailing pieces to Pages, a mailer in Deep River who will collate and mail the donation letters by mid-September.

Additional Item:

J. Kmetz brought up the Historical Society Holiday Tree display, and asked the members if the Food Pantry would consider taking part. The cost of \$25 to take part and “have a tree displayed” was generously donated by K. Olson. It was noted by the Chair that the Historical Society has frequently collected food and donated to the pantry in the past, and so an appropriate venture. It was agreed by general consensus to have a tree representing the town’s commitment to helping citizens. J. Kmetz and L. Gregan to take the lead for this event.

Additional Item:

R. Marth asked for the best dates to conduct the “Stuff A Cruiser” campaign. After speaking with the resident trooper, he was asked to coordinate with the Selectmen’s office. He will follow up with social services and Gina Sopneski in finding the best date, sometime in mid-November.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Marth, Chairperson

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