Minutes for Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD Meeting 11/13/09

Next monthly TRIAD meeting will be December 11th 9:00am at the Westbrook Public Safety Building

Meeting called to order on 11/13/09 @ 9:00AM by Dave Garthe, co-chair

Present: David Grathe, Susan Germano, Fred Morrill, Lucy Morrill, Nathan Acker, June Scothorne, Charles Leighton, June Leighton, Fred Collins, Terri Norton, Nicole Nappi, Bonnie Cloukey, Michael Kane, Ted Hatch, Christine LaBranche

Committee Reports – no reports

Unfinished Business:

Volunteer Program: Christine LaBranche and Sue Germano have talked to the Westbrook High School InterAct Program and received a great response to assisting the TRIAD with their volunteer program. The High School recommended that the TRIAD go to the Warren Congregational Luncheon held on Thursdays to get a list of seniors that would like to use this program for leaf raking and snow shoveling. The High School also offered to make a Drop Box for used cell phones and place it in a safe place within the High School. Christine LaBranche will keep in touch with the High School on both issues.

Sue Germano, Dave Garthe and Ted Hatch are visiting the Gorham High School to see if they have any interest in having their volunteers assist the TRIAD's mission of leaf raking and snow shoveling for the local seniors. Sue Germano will mention the Drop Box for used cell phones at this meeting.

Ted Hatch has spoken with the Universities Volunteer Program and they are ready to start as soon as we need.

Ted Hatch would like to go to St. Anne's Luncheon on Wednesday to speak to the seniors about this opportunity and to set up a time for the Identity Theft presentation.

Dave Garthe spoke with the Gorham Hannaford and they have offered a space in their store to place a Drop Box for used cell phones. Ted Hatch will speak to Officer Drown about having a box constructed at the High School.

Cell phones should be collected at all locations by either Christine LaBranche or Ted Hatch and given to SMAAA.

Ted Hatch will speak to GOCAT about adding the Drop Box for used cell phones to its TRIAD ad.

Dave Garthe will pick up plastic stands to display the TRIAD informational sheet.

NEW BUSINESS

Fred Morrill spoke to the TRIAD members about the necessity of getting the Charter signed and Officer positions filled. He spoke about concerns on new regulations with starting a Non-Profit group and would like to make sure our by-laws conform to these regulations. Ted Hatch offered to talk with other local TRIAD's to check on their by-laws to see if ours compare.

Fred's other concern was "Senior Involvement". The TRIAD needs to get word out to the public about our mission and get more seniors to join. Whenever there is a public function that the TRIAD is involved with, there should be a senior from the TRIAD attending and speaking about the TRIAD and what it is trying to accomplish. It was suggested that we go through the surveys from last year to make a list of the people who had interest in joining the TRIAD but have not yet made the commitment. Phone calls should be made to these people to encourage them to come to a meeting.

Also it would be a good time to review the 3 major concerns that people had on the surveys so that we can plan our next project.

Fred Morrill suggested that we make a CD of the TRIAD's Mission so that it could be brought around to local gatherings and played. Ted Hatch will talk to GOCAT to see if they can make this CD and maybe have Nathan Acker do the talking on the CD. It was suggested to include a visual of the Identity Theft presentation, or cell phone drop off, etc.

Sue Germano will look into having a TRIAD member from another group come and speak to us about the overall Mission of the TRIAD.

Dave Garthe will create a verse that will be read before each TRIAD meeting to keep the group focused on its mission.

Nicole Nappi will design a hand out brochure.

Inger Cyr is retiring next month and Christine LaBanche suggested we present her with a plague. Christine will create the wording and get to Ted Hatch to have made.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:10

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