

MINUTES

AGING IN PLACE IN UNION COMMITTEE

Monday, March 11, 2019

William Pullen Building Meeting Room

1:00 p.m.

Present: Katie Tarbox, Anita Brown, Bob Williams, Dot Williams, Carol Watier, Clark Hooper, Martha Hooper, Wanda Gamage-Wyman, Martha Jackson and Pastor Elizabeth Bailey-Mitchell at 1:45.

Note: this meeting was originally scheduled for March 4 but was rescheduled to March 11 due to a snowstorm.

Before the meeting Martha Jackson was sworn in as a new member to Aging in Place.

We asked that Stacey or the town office staff put the letters on our sandwich boards to advertise our luncheon this Thursday, and have public works put the two signs out at the town office and at the Common across from the post office, as we were told Jay is out of the office again tomorrow.

Carol Watier chaired the meeting starting at 1 p.m.

1. Minutes of Feb. 4, 2019 were approved as written by Bob Williams & Clark Hooper.
2. We began with discussion about plans for our luncheon on March 14, 2019. Set-up will begin at 9 a.m. Clark, Martha and Bob can come at 9 a.m. to begin the set-up. We will have 6 tables in 3 lines like last time. Wanda will come at 10 to help set up. Doors will open at 11:30 and lunch will be served noon to 12:30 p.m. Katie will arrive at 11 a.m. bringing the Irish boiled dinner for 35 people from the MCH kitchen for the Meals on Wheels program. Katie also will have the dessert and St. Patrick's decorations. Our "committee of helpers" can then quickly finish the set up. Katie also will have the Chinnet and utensils. Katie asked that we serve people in their seats as this meal will still not be safe for them to carry to the tables. Katie told us the carry bags will keep the food warm until we serve it. We do not need to clean them as they have to be cleaned at MCH. Secretary needs to send a thank you to MCH after our luncheon for this meal.

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3. *Reminder that the program includes a screen presentation that will have to be set up ready.*
4. We still do not have any update from Jesse regarding how “Good morning Union” from the ambulance office is working. We would like to have an update on this at our next meeting either in person or as a written report.
5. A report from a client that the Meals on Wheels program is greatly appreciated. Also, questions about follow-up with transportation clients that do not ask for further transport to appointments.
6. We discussed we would like to hear from St. George Neighbor to Neighbor how they got their program set up at our next meeting on May 6 at 1 p.m. Diane Oelberger is the coordinator for the St. George transportation program and she can be emailed at ridesinstgeorge@gmail.com. Katie will confirm for her to present at our next meeting and answer our questions after we have read Sheila Curry’s Getting Started Setting up a Transportation Program. We discussed that we cannot wait for a coordinator to come forward but that we need to keep this “need” moving forward in this committee.
7. Under input from outside agencies:

March 20 at 6 p.m. in Rockland City Council downstairs meeting room a presentation about the DASH transportation program. This has provided a “Hub” for Neighbor to Neighbor to meet at Walmart in the past.
8. Also, at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast on March 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. New Hope for Women and TRIAD will present on abuse and challenging situations.
9. At the Civic Center in Augusta on May 16 9-4 will be an Elder Abuse Summit but it needs pre-registration for \$45. This is put on by the Council on Aging.
10. Vose Library is doing a “Vose to Home” program that delivers books to homes but also provides a check-in regarding senior living situations.
11. Community Concepts is advertising for volunteer drivers and offering 41 cents per mile to volunteer drivers. Carol will try to learn what this program covers.
12. Pastor Elizabeth told us the church helps transport to appointments as a need arises but does not have a program.

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13. Our next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2019 at 1 p.m. in the town office meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Brown
Secretary