Senior Resources Committee Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Committee June 20, 2023 6:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Sunnycrest Conference Room 268 Mammoth Rd B Londonderry, NH

Present at Meeting: Jim Green - Chair, Sherry Farrell, John Wilson, Lois Dziergowski, Elizabeth Robertson, Barbara Mee - Members; Kevin Gray - School Liaison; Matt Fuller- Library Liaison; Phil Leblanc: LFD Liaison

The regular meeting of the Committee of Senior Resources Committee was called to order at 6:00 PM on June 20, 2023 by Jim Green.

The minutes were recorded by Deb Desrochers while watching the SRC meeting on Local 22 Channel the following week.

Kevin gave an overview of school activity in June. Graduation exceptional with many great college acceptances. They have a school board meeting tonight to review policies at committee meetings. Independent auditors will be checking for peak efficiency and that they are meeting the needs of all of the children.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

- <u>EXPO</u>: * Jim stated that he and Patrick had met at the middle school to review the space planned for the Senior Expo. Plenty of parking, level area for entrance, handicapped accessible, short walking distance.
 - * Jim stated he was considering John's comments as to whether or not we should continue the Expo in the following years.
 - * Discussion regarding how to better respond to vendors with inquiries and how/who will do followups.
 - * Discussion on how to handle calls to potential vendors vs repeat vendors.
 - * Jim will send out a spreadsheet showing last years vendor list.

- Lois stated she is still having problems getting emails. Jim said he would contact Tom in IT to see about creating an SRC group email.
- <u>OLD HOME DAY</u>: * Items to hand out at booth will include File for Life and info about the Expo with a list of vendors that will be participating.
 - * Phil will order additional Files for Life for us to distribute.
 - * Banner. It was decided that the banner should be included in the OHD parade. Discussion about how to add Expo info and how to attach the banner to golf cart ensued.

IV. Consideration of New Business

Due to focus on Expo and Old Home Day there is no new business at this time.

V. General Discussion

- * Jim gave an example of seniors needing help. Phil & Sherry spoke of the situation and how it was handled.
- * How to get seniors to help by volunteering was discussed:
 - Lois showed the quarterly senior news paper article about volunteering.
 - Jim asked what is holding people back.
 - Phil said people may not know about the need.
 - Barbara spoke about different personality types and how some are more comfortable with volunteering than others.
 - Jim discussed the importance of staying active after retirement and volunteering is a great way to do that.
 - Phil reiterated about importance of File for Life and how it helps anyone with medical issues.

Barbara suggested an article in the local papers about how to volunteer locally.

Lois said people don't know where to turn when in need. It is overwhelming.

John said he went to Commission for Aging conference in Concord and discussion about the DHHS website issues was a topic. It is a massive problem to solve.

John asked about the SRC phone line. Phil explained the 911 process and why LFD could not take calls from it.

Sherry explained how the SRC works. Ilona gets a call or message and she will call back with info.

211 & Service Link are the best places to start.

- * John talked about rewriting the charter.
- * Jim said we all need to think about priorities for SRC after Expo.
- * Elizabeth brought in a brochure about help within the Southern NH area.
- * Barbara commented that the senior center has a lot of info.
- * Jim asked all members to contact him about who they will call on the list of vendors for the Expo.

VI. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on July 18, 2022 at: Sunnycrest Conference Room 268 Mammoth Rd B Londonderry, NH

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows: Jim Green will send agenda for next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm by Jim Green.