

Senior Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 2007
2:00 PM
Hopewell Valley Branch of Mercer County Library

Attending: Bill Farmer, Jean Harrington, Bob Riley, Jane Petrie, Virginia Silliphant, Severino DiCocco, Anne Bolick, Nils Stout
Abigail Waugh– Senior Coordinator
Vanessa Sandom – Hopewell Township Mayor
Absent: Chairman Mansier

The Meeting was brought to order at 2: 05 by Acting Chairman Farmer. Notice was made of meeting the Open Public Meetings Act requirements.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Coordinator Report

Coordinator Waugh presented her litany of activities and programs. New activities or others of note are as follows:

- The booth at the Hopewell Harvest Fair on September 27 was manned all day by representatives of the SAB and the Township professionals.
- Mahjonn teaching & games, conducted at the County Library, have been drawing 8 to 15 participants.
- The discussion group will resume on October 18 and the first subject will be the perceived effect of World War II on our culture to date.
- Artist's Choice: Libby Glaubitz will be leaving the area and efforts are being made to recruit a new teacher/director.
- The introductory to knitting class at the Bear Tavern Elementary School was hugely successful to the extent that attempts will be made to recruit additional trainers.

Chairman's Report

As Vice-Chairman, Bill Farmer reported on issues of the Chairman's office::

- Mr. Farmer reported that the lawyers have completed drafts of the proposed nonprofit corporation and a meeting will be held on October 19 by SAB officers with them to review and receive these papers.
 - Incorporation in New Jersey
 - Federal submission as a 501(c.) (3) nonprofit corporation.

- Mr. Farmer gave an overview of the somewhat complex series of events, past and imminent involving Capital health Systems, Hopewell Valley YMCA and the HVSAB, that we hope will lead to our participation in a new Pennington senior facility.

Hopewell Township Mayor

Mayor Sandom provided several project updates:

- The municipalities will provide \$15,000 to upgrade the HVAC systems and the handicap lavatory at the current Pennington facility, making it adequate for use over the next several years.
- The Township and the SAB were successful in securing a grant of \$23,000 from Bristol Meyer Squibb for the purpose of providing transportation for local seniors. Special thanks should be awarded the Mayor, Jane Petrie and Abigail Waugh for their efforts in this tangible success.

Senior Center Visits

SAB members Petrie, Mansier & Farmer, Senior Services Coordinator Waugh visited the 2 "Brunswick" Senior centers. Although these Centers are situated in a higher density area than our own, the review of their operations will undoubtedly prove helpful in our own efforts. Highlights are as follows:

North Brunswick

- Full scale senior lunch
- 6 facility employees
- 8 transportation employees
- 1 social worker

South Brunswick

- Population (40,000)
- 250 clients per day
- Full time director
- 2 secretaries
- 6 Employees
- 6 Busses, running 9 to 5 (\$1 round trip)
- 2/3 of activity actual costs subsidized for participants

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bob Riley: Secretary

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 21, 2:00 at the County Library.