

Nassau Community Resource Committee

Minutes

February 19th, 2019, 2018, 7.p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Committee Goals:

- To complete the resource document to assist local services in identifying the appropriate resource for persons in need
- To provide support for the Nassau Resource Center and Gathering Place
- To evaluate the potential for a drop-in/community center
- To use the committee's influence to educate and promote the need for services for the needy in the community and for its leaders

Attendees: June Varner, GUMC; Lori Clark, NRC; Sheila Foraker, AQRT Sufi Order; Pastor Dion Marquit, GUMC; Michael Needham, BSA Troop 166; Al Resfife, Nassau Police Department; Chris Van Deusen, Chandler Young Veterans Association

Minutes: Chaplin Needham opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Sheila Foraker provided the opening prayer.

- Community Resource Guide
The public version of the Community Resource Guide was distributed to the membership so that it could be handed out to community organizations. Chaplain Needham handed around the distribution list that was created by the community and members took copies to give out to these organizations. Additionally, Chaplain Needham had sent an electronic version to Supervisor Fleming so that it could be posted on the Town's website.
- Gift Vouchers for Police
At the committee's previous meeting Officer Jones indicated that it would be helpful to have vouchers that transient and other impoverished persons could be given by the police for food and beverage. The Committee had asked both Stewarts and Cumberland Farms corporate offices for donations for this purpose. The Committee's request did not meet Stewart's guidelines for donations, but Cumberland Farms donated ten \$10 gift coupons which were given to Office Resfife. Chaplain Needham asked that the police track the distribution of these so that the committee can gain a sense of frequency and need.

The Committee has also sent a thank you letter to Cumberland Farms.

- **Presentation**

The Committee selected April 4th, 2019 at Chandler Young Veteran's Association to hold its meeting on homelessness and persons in need. Kevin O'Connor, Executive Director of Joseph's House will deliver a presentation on homelessness in Rensselaer County. The Committee also discussed the idea that we would speak about local issues such as the good work of the Gathering Place and the Resource Center, as well as the goals of the Committee.

Closing Prayer was provided by Pastor Marquit

Next Meeting:

March 12th, 2019. at Grace United Methodist Church