

Nassau Resource Committee

Minutes

Wednesday June 3rd 2020 7:00 PM
Lawn of Grace United Methodist 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: Chaplain Michael Needham, Diana Murphy, John Imhoff, Lori Clark, NRC; Sheila Foraker, AQRT Sufi Order; Pastor Dion Marquit, GUMC; Reverend Edward VanKampen; Nassau Reformed Church

Minutes: Meeting begun with opening prayer at 7:00 p.m.

- Community Center Developments
 - Plans for improvements including access ramp, removal of floor coverings, new furniture, etc., have been presented to Randie Sanford; GUMC President. Plans have been reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Committee.
 - Will be submitted to Code Enforcement for review and approval.
 - Upon approval we can begin with the improvements.
 - Mike Needham will distribute the plans to the Committee.
- Zoom Informational Presentations
 - Talk-Saves-Lives presentation conducted recently
 - Chaplain Needham contacted Keith Scott of Nassau County (Long Island) regarding a zoom presentation in the near future and will working to set up a date for the event. Focus of presentation will be on domestic violence.
- July 26 BBQ
 - Approved by the Chandler Young Veterans Association for the 26th of July
 - Solicited donations/support from General Electric, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Hannaford, and Price Chopper.
 - Lori Clark agreed to oversee and manage the distribution of ticket sales. Goal is to sell 200 tickets.
 - Committee members were issued 10 tickets to sell.
 - Discussed means for getting tickets out
 - Ad in the local paper
 - Posting fliers in the usual locations (Post office, Stewarts, other business windows, etc.).
 - Social Media – Personal and for NCC/NRC, “ChatterUp”

- Table sales – Cumberland farms, Stewarts, Agway. Chaplain Needham agreed to approach Mark at Nassau Country Value.
 - Members who were not able to come to Wednesday Evening’s Meeting, please reach out to Lori Clark for tickets.
 - Lori Clark – Volunteered her sister to assist with brownies again this year. We will need additional help with this).
 - Diana Murphy – Volunteered to make the Coleslaw.
 - Hoping to call on the scouts to act as runners – delivering meals from the grill to the people in their vehicles.
 - Want to use biodegradable food containers...No Styrofoam
 - Also open to collecting donations “go fund me”.
 - Discussed pre-ordering chickens (about a month ahead of the event) from Price Chopper or Restaurant Depot. Based on poor service received last year, we will not be shopping at Ginsberg’s Foods.
 - Dinner Rolls will be from Schuyler Bakery in Watervliet.
 - Would like committee to meet every 2 weeks while planning for the BBQ.
- Need Brief Biography each of the Committee Members
 - For the Committee Members link on the committee’s website <https://nassauresourcecommittee.org/committee-members/>
 - Who you are, what you are involved with in the community, your interests etc.
 - Please include a picture of yourself so others in the community can recognize you for all you do.
 - Website has had approximately 11,000 hits.
 - Want to stress that postings and messages on the website should be for the focus of “people helping people”.
 - When posting rights are provided to interested members, please be sure that you post your initials with anything you post so the committee knows who is posting what information.
 - May be looking for options for a “donate” button to solicit contributions
 - Report from Nassau Resource Center – Diana Murphy
 - Been pretty quiet lately - Helped 39 families in May
 - Currently providing 7 days of food, milk cards, gas cards, Stewarts “my money”
 - General feedback from clients is that things are good and people have what they need.
 - Likely because of inflated unemployment benefits and relaxed rules resulting from COVID-19 programs.

Closing Prayer was provided by Reverend VanKampen

Next Meeting - TBD