

Nassau Community Connections, Inc.

Officer's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 23rd, 2022 7:00 PM

Virtual / Zoom Meeting

Our grassroots organization builds community, inspires hope, and networks for equity by raising awareness and connecting essential resources

Attendees:

Present: Chalplain Michael Needham (MN), President; Lori Clark (LC), Treasurer; John Imhoff (JI), Secretary.

Excused: Joseph Gil (JG), Communications Officer; Jean Waggoner (JW), Volunteer Coordinator

Meeting Minutes:

- Summary of last Committee meeting for benefit of JI who was not present
 - Decided that we were not going to do the chicken BBQ fundraiser
 - Voted Dr. Michael O'Leary as a committee member
 - Realized that next meeting that Jaena Van Kampen would be eligible for membership.
 - MN will send JI the attendance sheet
 - Decided to close the center and rethink the opening in September with more planning and better process...organized around activities.
 - Jean organized a sub-committee that developed the idea of a survey to get people's ideas about center offerings. The team of volunteers have been very committed and have stood with us and want to be involved.
 - LC and MN working with follow up with aid to few individuals.

Officer's Updates

- MN raised the idea of a 24-hour food pantry box to make non-perishables available to those in need and suggests that we need one.
 - There was good discussion around pros and cons, availability of other food pantries, how youth in area might have impact, etc.
 - Ultimately agreed that it was worth giving it a try and seeing how it is received.
 - Mike will photograph an example at the North Chatham Methodist Church we can discuss at the next committee meeting.
- MN indicated that the Survey Monkey to vote for the Life is for Service Award is still up and will remain up till the end of the month.
 - September 17 is Family Fun Day and award will be given at that event
- LC - Checking balance is currently \$5,106.72
- LC – is working to mark up the Survey that is intended to be handed out at the Nassau Music Festival

Would like to have this become a survey monkey and would like it modified so that people can indicate that they would like to be updated with information on NCC and Community Center events..

- LC also indicated that the Center was in need of some office supplies such as hanging files, paperclips and stamps. MN and JI will see if they can find some supplies and drop off at the center.

Assistance Provided

- MN indicated that guidance was been provided to one individual to try and re-connect with the Galvin House in Columbia County or to approach Albany County DSS would consider reopening her file for assistance.
- MN also discussed an individual who had received some support previously had since fled the area, The individual has a history of mental health issues. He will reach out to the Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health to see if they have had any contact with or communication from her. Heartbreaking to see how mental illness can affect folks and there are little resources to support them.
- LC – has not heard from individual (TM) that we had previously helped. She contacted the individual's landlord about getting a check to him. The landlord indicated that he would stop by and pick up a check for him. This has not happened yet.
- LC – spoke of a woman "C" who came to the resource center and waited for LC after the center closed. She indicated that she was in need of clothes, and needed LC to find housing.. Interactions suggested drug use or mental health issues. Lori gave the woman her contact information and also recorded the woman's case worker name and phone number for her case worker at Rensselaer County and will reach out to that case worker tomorrow.

Next Meeting: September 27 2022