

Franklin Township Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2020 (WebEx)

Attendance: Marie Thompson, Vivian Cottrell, Marianne Regan, Diane Harris, Alice Osipowitz, Geri Fudge, Catherine Bragg, Celeste Twamley, William Byrtus, Cathy Collins.

Minutes were read and accepted.

Diane Harris reported that the Parkside Senior Citizens Club members are still meeting virtual every Monday. Different activities are planned and ongoing. Diane also inquired about laptops becoming available for lower income seniors. Grant's that may be available. The group will refer the subject to Councilwoman Crystal Pruitt for follow up, plus tech training.

William Byrtus stated that there were digital resources and workshops that are available and he will follow up. Marianne also stated that the library also was a good reference for classes.

Celeste Twamley inquired about transportation for the residents of Kingston. The information forthcoming was that Kingston was not a part of Somerset County. Celeste will follow up with Crystal for further clarification.

Vivian Cottrell inquired about notification of COVID 19 testing sites for senior club members. Mass calling, flyers, text messages, and email blasts were discussed.

Marianne Regan discussed that there is no date and time scheduled for the Flu Clinic. A drive through clinic is scheduled in Hillsborough for September 26, 2020. The Somerset County Health Department asked her to communicate to the seniors to get their flu shots where available, and do not wait for a date. The automated facets, soap dispenser, and paper towel dispensers have been installed in the restrooms. Carpet in the Billiards Room was replaced, and some ceiling leaks have been repaired. Online security scan cards system to be implemented so that everyone in the building will be identified. Emergency contact forms will be updated and distributed upon re-opening. Virtual workshops will be ongoing. Virtual bingo week day game planned. Diane Harris asked about communication issues. A monthly calendar, a box outside the center, stand- alone box, email flyers, text messages, and drive by information boxes around town were discussed. Still no time frame for the reopening of the Community/Senior Center.

Alice Osipowitz shared that she will be retiring on December 31, 2020.

Next Meeting: October 23, 2020

Minutes submitted by: Catherine Bragg