

Aging Committee: Minutes of 10/16/18

Meeting called to order at 3:30pm by Chair E. Dinowitz at Riverdale Senior Services.

Present: E. Dinowitz, L. Daub, G. Santiago, M. Goodman, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce

Guests: several staff and members of RSS

1. Minutes of last meeting approved unanimously after correction to delete listing of D. Gellman as Committee member.

2. Discussion of Seniors interests and needs for future programs. Intergenerational programs were of interest; RSS partners with Horace Mann and the Kinneret School for meals, entertainment, classes for “breaking down barriers between generations.” Some programs are funded by UJA at Senior Centers with that at RSS a pilot program. Comment: more grandparent participants are needed. Is there any way CB8 could connect Seniors with youth for joint activities?

Suggested was request for discretionary funds for a seniors’ picnic involving all the Senior Centers. Bus transportation (with lifts) from each Center to picnic site would be needed. Margo Perron of VanCortlandt Park could be approached about organizing “senior” games.

Yankee gratis tickets could be requested for Seniors.

3. Miscellaneous

- Ft. Independence Senior Center is having painting and roofing work.

- MTA hearing to be held 10/11, 6pm at Christ Church to discuss bus routes and wait times.

- RSS is planning a seminar on financial stability and solo agers.

- Attorney Levy spoke briefly on long term estate planning and spend down for Medicaid eligibility.

- No absentee ballots were mailed out by DFTA.

- Empty, unrented stores in the area are a concern for those wanting to shop in their home neighborhoods.

- Participatory Budgeting hearing will be held 10/11 in Spuyten Duyvil

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, 11/20/18, 3:30pm. Location TBA.

Prepared by K. Pesce, Acting Secretary

Submitted by E. Dinowitz, Aging Chair