

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 23RD, 2010**

PRESENT

K. Pesce
A. Creaney
T. Durham
B. Fettman
I. Ladimer
Bayla Butler
Lee Furman
Gene Fein
L. Furman
Marvin Goodman
Kathy Gorup
J. Landers
F. Savage
A. Schonfeld
A. Shatkin
Manfred Segal
E. Strenger
A. Torres
R. Wallace

AFFILIATION

Committee Chair, CB 8
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BJCC
Riverdale Mental Health Association
Riverdale Senior Services
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Riverdale Senior Services
Classic Residence by Hyatt
Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehab
United Health Care
Riverdale Senior Services
Riverdale Senior Services
Riverdale AARP
Riverdale Senior Services
Schervier Nursing Care Center
Hebrew Home

1. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as submitted.
2. Speaker: Renee Martinez of OATS (Older Adults Technology Services) and Senior Planet.org. The latter is a website, an online community for older adults with a calendar of events, a place to start one's own blog, information on digital photography, health research. OATS does all sorts of computer training and video streaming for homebound. Trainers aren't techies but those who relate to older adults and their learning needs. Courses are twice weekly for ten weeks and are typically funded by discretionary funds, United Way, ConEd or fee for service. If discretionary funds are used, the Councilperson can negotiate the training price. OATS is currently working with Maimonides Hospital, training 24 homebound through the Castle Hill Senior Center and RAIN.
For those without computers, some recycled equipment may be available.
Assemblyman Koppell's office collects used electronics for refurbishing.
Macintosh has an outreach program for seniors and those with special needs; contact Gene Fein for information.
3. Reports
 - a. A. Shatkin works with Kingsbridge Heights Community Center and Riverdale Senior Services doing computer training. Riverdale Senior Service is doing a survey of unsafe streets/sidewalks in their area after recent falls.
 - b. Classic Residence for Independent Living is offering incentives for moving in.
 - c. Hebrew Homes Assisted Living has transportation, therapy and a heated pool which isn't open to public.
 - d. AARP is participating in the program "Making NY Walkable for all ages. During week of 4/19 there will be an inventory of streets to identify problems. NY has the 3rd highest death rate for those over 65 years. AARP members are

contributing money to the food pantry at Church of the Mediator. After our last meeting and discussion of the food need, someone contributed \$1000. Country Bank, Apple Bank and Ponce de Leon are collecting nonperishable food donations. Second Harvest also collects.

- e. Riverdale Mental Health expects to have new website next month.
- f. M. Goodman may have a few volunteers available from his professional organization.
- g. T. Durham: Census begins at end of March. Everyone, adults should participate; census workers will have identification.
- h. B. Fettman: Councilman Koppell's office collects electronics for recycling/refurbishing the first Monday of the month. The Transportation Committee, City Council, will have hearings on MTA proposed cuts; it's important to attend. Meeting of 2/25 was canceled.
- i. Methodist Home for Rehab: will begin outpatient rehab 4/1/10. An art exhibit will be held 3/26, 5-9pm.
- j. F. Savage: Open enrollment for Medicare ends 3/31.
- k. BJCC is delivering Passover packages to low income Jewish. In Celebration of Life, interviews with Holocaust survivors is being done. Manhattan College and College of Mt. St. Vincent have Holocaust center.
- l. G. Fein is working with very challenged youth for community uplift programs. They are creating blueprint for the program which is funded by donations.
- m. I. Ladimer: Legislative breakfast at YMHA is 3/21, \$30; reservations: 718-548-2800. Dinowitz and Koppell have been contacted to sponsor legislation to compensate caregivers. Examples of hardship/sacrifices created by being a caregiver as well as how to best recognize/compensate them are needed.
- n. Schervier Nursing Care Center: Annual Fundraiser will be held at the Botanical Gardens 3/25. Schervier wants to partner with other organizations and will do advocating for seniors/disabled. Welcome to Anderson Torres, new to Schervier.
- o. Letter regarding aging committee's opposition to changes in access-a-ride was passed unanimously.

Next meeting: 3/23/10 at Riverdale Senior Services.

Submitted by,

Karen Pesce
Chairperson
Aging Committee