

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2011
AT THE RIVERDALE YM-YWHA
5625 ARLINGTON AVENUE**

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Anthony Creaney
Beverly Fettman
Irving Ladimer
Georgia Santiago
Bayla Butler
Kathy Gorup
Melisa Prieto
Constance Segal
Manfred Segal
Linda Storfer

AFFILIATION

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Ampark NORC Senior Services
Classic Residence Yonkers
Hudson Pointe at Riverdale
Chapter 1546 AARP
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1. Speaker from DFTA canceled and will be rescheduled.
2. Report on the program "Seniors Helping Seniors:" as researched and with contact to the organization by K. Pesce: this is a franchise with organizing help provided by the program. Participants pay for services, typically \$16-24/hr. There may be a sliding fee scale. Services may include in home companion/homemaker, meal preparation, handyman, transportation and other nonmedical services. As reported by Linda Storfer, YM-YWHA, there is a volunteer model. She will contact a person she knows who is involved in volunteer model for future presentation.
Discussion: bookkeeping for hours received and hours provided; consideration of those receiving services and unable to provide reciprocal service hours; funding and staffing (a social work intern could assist), experience of other organizations in recruiting volunteers, i.e. Interfaith Caregivers; need for vetting of volunteers and recipients; insurance coverage; goal setting for the program and its potential as a viable project for Aging Committee.
3. Agency/Individual Reports
 - a. BJCC: Provides flu shots; distributed food for Rosh Hashanah to Amalgamated Housing residents; providing Thanksgiving dinner to those who come to Amalgamated on that day.
 - b. AARP: Medicare and Social Security are emphases. 20% of senior population have only Social Security income; 25% have Social Security as primary income with other pension. Part B benefits, medical provider/medical test payments, are paid 75% by government, 25% from premiums paid by participants. 17% of gross domestic product (GDP) is spent on medical costs.
 - c. Fettman: Newly authorized taxis are not wheelchair accessible; Board advised to contact Mayor Bloomberg about the need to make NYC accessible for all.
 - d. Ladimer: Riverdale Senior Services needs donations for its 11/6 sale. Also, 20-30% of upper Manhattan residents are not citizens, but not illegals, and as noncitizens, can't vote or serve on juries.

State Senator Gustavo Rivera is hosting meetings at the Kingsbridge Library on the Constitution. Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has developed curriculum to educate the public on the Constitution and other matters relating to our government.

- e. Hudson Pointe at Riverdale: accepting donations for Church of Mediator food panty; hosting dessert and music event at Van Cortlandt Senior Center, 11/1/11, 1PM.
- f. JASA Van Cortlandt Senior Center: musical presentation, Weds, 11/ 9; history of Amalgamated, Fri, 11/ 11; Medicare Advantage Plan presentation, Fri, 11/15; Thanksgiving Mexican style, Tues., 11/22.
- g. Creaney: Fieldston Postal Station is being evaluated for closure due to decreased usage. Meeting to discuss will be held 10/26/11 at St. Gabriels.
- h. Santiago: Carolina Church on Broadway is having coats and shoes collection drive. 50th Police Precinct is also collecting coats.
- i. Methodist Home: Arthritis basics seminar, Thurs., 11/3; Honoring veterans program Weds., 11/9.

Next Meeting: Tues., 11/22/11, 3:30 PM at Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehabilitation, 4499 Manhattan College Pkwy.

Submitted by:

K. Pesce
Chair, Aging Committee