

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SENIOR VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2010

The reorganization meeting and regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Senior Volunteer Committee was held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at the Montgomery Township Building. The members of the Senior Volunteer Committee in attendance included Peg Azarian, Helen Haag, Marian Pinkerton, Rich Roller, Ralph Schurr and Tanya Redilla. Also present: Stacy Crandell, Public Information Coordinator and Jeffrey McDonnell, Board of Supervisors Liaison.

Call to Order: Chairman Ralph Schurr called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Approval of Minutes from April Meeting: Minutes were approved as submitted.

Public Comment: None.

New Business:

Review of the Elder Law Presentation

The Committee members discussed the success of the elder law seminar. The Committee also reviewed the survey completed at the seminar and discussed the feedback.

Plans for the future:

The Committee discussed some ideas about possible upcoming events and used the feedback from the surveys. Some of the suggestions included:

- Credit Counseling and Reserve Mortgage Information from the non-profit organization, Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Delaware Valley. Staff will contact them and see about having them come to an upcoming meeting.
- Long-Term Care Insurance and Financial Planning: the Committee will have a potential speaker attending the June meeting to see about setting up an upcoming seminar.
- Safety Seminar with Officer James Matlack: The Committee discussed that they would like to have another seminar with Officer Matlack during the evening and include other things in the presentation like elder abuse. Staff will reserve a room in October for the seminar.
- Autumn Festival: The Committee would like to participate again this year. Staff will make sure a form is filled out so they can be registered for the event.
- Medicare and Health Care for Seniors: The Committee discussed having Bob Sykes be the guest speaker for this future seminar.
- Game Time: The Committee thought about starting a game time for seniors at the Township Building during the day in the winter months where the seniors can come with different board games and socialize with other seniors in the community rooms.
- Summer Get-Together: Instead of having a cook-out, the Committee decided to come out to the Summer Concert Series from 6PM-7PM and encourage seniors to come early and bring a brown bag dinner. The Committee can promote other events during this time as well.
- Weekly Walking Club: The Committee has decided to start promoting a weekly walking club that meets at Spring Valley Park at 9:30AM on Wednesdays (weather permitting) starting June 23rd. Flyers will be handed out at the first Summer Concert.

The Committee also discussed the need for some funding and what can be done to help promote events and also provide some things like food, etc. at upcoming events. Mr. McDonnell stated that there is a possibility that some funding could be put up for an ad as long as enough time is given. Staff is also going to look into some possible grants from the State to see if there is any revenue sources out there. Another suggestion was to have the Committee present a budget presentation to the Board in October about what the Committee needs for next year. The Committee agreed and will work to get a budget presentation together for the Fall.

Tanya is looking at some different publications to get the word out about some upcoming events.

Old Business: None.

Other Business: None.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Senior Volunteer Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm. The group will meet next on June 9, 2010 at the Montgomery Township Building at 7:00pm.