

SCAC Meeting of May 23, 2022 – Minutes (2nd 2022 meeting)

Meeting began at 3:04pm.

Welcome

Cathy Wilson read adequate notice. OPMA satisfied.

Roll Call – Linda Bertuglia, Carol Greshko, Arthur Mierisch, Sam Pagano, Noel Robinson, Albie Rosenhaus, Barbara Sebiri, Peter Mancuso, Tim Quinn, Alexis Voli, and Cathy Wilson present.

April 11th minutes will be approved at next meeting when access to video can be arranged. We will try to distribute minutes one week before the meeting.

Discussion led to identification of SCAC's top two goals for 2022:

1. Survey – Barbara Sebiri stated a survey is needed. All participants agreed. Look at AARP version and contact Age-Friendly Coalition for more information. Other existing surveys to be collected, tailored, and finetuned for our needs. Perhaps we need to get a grant and hire someone to evaluate from resources available. **Established a Survey Sub-Committee consisting of Noel Robinson leading plus Barbara Sebiri, Sam Pagano, and Albie Rosenhaus.**
2. Create a webpage. Reach out to the Age-Friendly Coalition. Agree on a draft for the webpage by mid-July, including a list of information and links.

Possibly get help from high school and college students. Many seniors do not have a computer and there is a need to reach seniors other than website. Newsletters may be a possibility in future. Gather newsletters and brochures from Synagogues and churches for information that could be included.

Access to medical care. Peter Mancuso suggested we visit four or five other communities in Morris County. Contact our Board of Health Department for existing medical programs including nutritional programs.

Cathy Wilson will prepare a list of committee contacts and send it out as soon as possible.

Committee members to make their own list of suggested items to include on SCAC's webpage, including:

- Existing resources – eg: medical; transportation; housing; recreation; activities; organizations
- Frequently Asked Questions by seniors
- Send to Cathy one to two weeks before the next meeting.

Transportation – Linda Bertuglia will contact MAPS and Dial-A-Ride and research surrounding towns on what types of transportation exist.

The Health Department will be invited to attend our next meeting on July 18, 2022 and share information about services for seniors.

Other ideas discussed: Make use of the library for computer work; Morris County Vo-Tech and County College of Morris may be able to help with webpage ideas and computer training.

Public Comment: Beth Hyre suggested we use library for seniors to learn the computer.

Meeting ended 4:30pm.

Next meeting dates: July 18th; September 12th; November 28th. All at 3:00-4:30pm. By Zoom or in-person TBD.