

Borough of Madison
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2020

The SCAC meeting was called to order by Tom Honohan at 2:00pm at the Madison Community Arts Center, 10 Kings Road, Madison, NJ. The Open Meetings Act statement was read and the attendees saluted the flag.

Meeting Attendees:

Tom Honohan	John Hoover
Shelia Marrow	Sara Keffer
Christian Esola	Dan Nazarko
Marlene Dolan	Phyllis Flemming
Danielle Bergen	

Members Absent:

Grace Papayiannis , Penny Burlingame , Barbara Granato, Joan Finelli, Doris Costello, Woody Kerkeslager, Kay Shaler

Meeting Notes:

- A luncheon was held for seniors and Chris Williams of Mikie Sherill's congressional office met with 7 individuals and helped them with issues related to Social Security, Veteran's benefits and Medicare.
- Three new people volunteered to be on the SCAC and they are completing their volunteer application forms.
- A SCAC sub-team was formed to continue work on the *Telephone Reassurance Program*.
- The importance of the 2020 Census was discussed and ideas were shared on getting the word out to the senior and other hard to reach communities.
- SCAC members met with Terry Asprea, Community Liaison of Pine Acres, to discuss their further support of SCAC and Senior Center (Pine Acres provided lunch for the February meeting).

Decision 1: *Friendship at Heart Program:*

Action:

- SCAC will support the *Telephone Reassurance Program* and *Friendly Visitor Program* of the County by:
 - Finding volunteers.
 - Identifying seniors who are in need of such programs. *Telephone Reassurance Program*. Checking with Madison Police and Meals-on-Wheels for possible Madison residents who might benefit from the program.
 - A SCAC sub-team of Phyllis Flemming, Marlene Dolan and Tom Honohan was formed to work with NORWESCAP on the program. We will meet with Nancy Hess of NORWESCAP prior to the March meeting.

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Decision 2: Repair Café Program exploration

Action:

- The possibility of holding a Repair Café in the Madison area to help seniors and others by repairing small appliances was discussed. These are being held in 7 other towns in New Jersey with the closest being in Summit. SCAC will have a Summit program director come and present information on their experience with the Repair Café program as input for consideration by SCAC.

Decision 3: Support of reusable shopping bags for seniors

Action:

- SCAC worked with the Environmental Commission to provide more than 150 reusable shopping bags to the Senior Center and for use on the Senior Center bus ahead of the new Plastic Bag Ordinance coming into effect on 1 March.

Decision 4: SCAC to support 2020 Census (continued support actions)

Action:

- Information was posted at the at the Senior Center and Rexford-Tucker Apartments.
- Marlene Dolan received information on the 2020 Census from the Census Bureau and Wind-of-the-Spirit to distribute to the communities in which the immunization program is involved. She is also providing the information to other health care professionals with whom she works. All this is in support of reaching the hard-to-count populations to make sure they are informed and supported.
- SCAC will include in its meetings repeating the importance of the census and availability of information.
- SCAC will work with Tri-Town 55+ Coalition and the Senior Center in facilitating the Census Bureau program.

Next SCAC meeting date, time and location:

Thursday March 12, 2019 at 2:00pm at the Madison Senior Center, 28 Walnut Street, Madison, NJ