

**ADVISORY COUNCIL to the GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT of AGING
OCTOBER 8, 2019 MEETING**

Call to order at 2:00 p.m. by Richard Golden with the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Present: Richard Golden, Florence Ohle, Ed Bloomer, Lynn Brunner, Larry Krajieski, Judi LoPresti, John LoPresti, Lillian Moore, Dorothy True, Linda Van Etten, Ken Brooks & Terry McGee Ward.

Excused: Barbara Lindsay, Beverly Myers

Absent: Michelle Deyo, Kim Kaplan, Dawn Wallant

MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL: The approval for the September 10, 2019 meeting was tabled, until November's meeting.

Program Reports: Terry McGee Ward:

- **Aging Services:** see attached
- **Nutrition:** The menu meeting may be changed to quarterly instead of monthly. Abigail Schweter is the new Site Manager for Coxsackie Senior Center. A request is going in to hire two more per diems, and a request to make a per-diem to part time has also been filed.
- **RSVP:** No report was given.

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

- The NYSOFA AIP budget for 2019 was approved on 9/19/19.
- Our 2020 budget for the County has been submitted to the County Administrator.
- Terry and I will be attending the training for the 2020-2024 NYSOFA 4 year plan on Oct. 18, 2019.

Terry McGee, Executive Director:

- Terry showed the Advisory Council the Caregiver Kit that was sent to us from NYSOFA. The Advisory Committee has voted to send a letter to all parties in connection with their opinion of this packet.
- Terry read a letter from (2) two Athens residents that would be interested in replacing our current Athens Area Representative. After a discussion of the Council, it was decided that the current Athens Representative is doing a great job and there is no need to replace this individual. Terry will send the 2 residents a letter of thanks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- “Stop the Bleed” Ken told the Adv. Council that on Thursday Oct. 3, 2019, Penny Martinez from Public Health gave us a “Stop the Bleed” training. She showed us a Portable Bleeding Control Kit that will be made available on each floor of the main building. Ken asked the cost, and was told approx. \$250, with that the Senior Angels committee thought that it would be a good idea to supply each of the centers with one.

However when Penny checked into it, she discovered that the kits are \$650, so Ken present this and asked for thoughts and ideas. The council decided that we should send letters to the Town Supervisors and Legislators of the Town that the centers reside in, and also do a letter to the local banks before the SA use their emergency money. So that is what is being done. Updates to follow.

- Senior Angels Bake Sale is Friday, October 25, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 411 Main St., 2ND Floor

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Richard Golden:** Richard asked Florence and the other council members, how do organizations reach out to each other to make everyone aware of different events happening so there are not a lot of duplications (ie: back packs, Christmas gifts and dinners). Florence and Terry thought that letting the Networking group know about this may solve some of the issues.
Richard also wanted everyone to know that the Coxsackie Athens Rotary Club Auction was a great success raising over \$14,000, all of which will be recycled backed into the community.
- **Florence Ohle, Director Community Action:** Community Action has received a Housing and Food grant for \$12,000 that will be used for the Food Banks in the area. Food only, not gift cards, baskets or any specialty items. An announcement will be in the newspaper.
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, air fresheners were handed out with “Stop the Violence” and phone number.
- **Lynn Brunner**
October 16th is Athens Octoberfest.
Lynn and Richard met at Athens to discuss the possibilities of getting an “Air Curtain” for the doors. This serves two purposes to keep the heat/AC in and keep the leaves out.
- **Linda Van Etten:** Wanted everyone to know that she had a very nice time at the volunteer recognition lunch.
- **Ed Bloomer:** Also enjoyed the Volunteer Recognition luncheon.
County Legislature is working very hard on the annual Budget.
Tax revenue is up 5% (approximately).
- **Kim Kaplan: ABSENT**
- **Michelle Deyo, Director Veterans Services-ABSENT**
- **Larry Krajewski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing**
RESTORE is open and accepting applications.

Working on the Access to Home grant application.

- **Barbara Lindsay, GCT-EXCUSED**

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- **John & Judi LoPresti**

Had a representative at the last WAJPL to dispense Flu Shots. 20 members received shots.

Open House was very successful had over 90 people in attendance.

Prattsville opened a new firehouse.

- **Lillian Moore, RSVP-**

Talked about the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, the food was much better than last year, but attendance was down a lot. Discussion with the Advisory Council ended up with suggestions that Lillian will bring back to the Recognition Committee.

- **Beverly Myers - EXCUSED**

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- **Dorothy True**

The Quilters Guild has agreed to make lap robes for the Senior Angels. They will be getting together one day this month. Dottie will bring them in next month, and the guild will be donating the supplies. THANK YOU DOTTIE.

The Cairo Auction raised over \$30,000, the proceeds go to the Cairo Development Organization.

- **Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground-ABSENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m. on motion by Linda Van Etten, seconded by Larry Krajewski.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019 @ 2:00 PM in the Greene County Staff Training Room

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Brooks