

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
December 20, 2011**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Cranbury Township Human Services Board was held in Town Hall on December 20, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Catherine Frohbieter, Chairperson of the Cranbury Township Human Services Board, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. and Wendy W. Borg acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on December 2, 2010, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bonnie Beckford-Wagman, Shirley Bastedo, Betty Conover, Catherine Frohbieter, Marie Perrine, Edna Morris, Edith Dlugokencki, Anna Johnson, Marilynn Mullen (9:40) and Lieutenant Franklin Dillane (10:00). Dolores Bergmann emailed to report her absence.

MINUTES

The November 15, 2011, minutes were unanimously approved as amended; motion by Betty Conover; seconded by Catherine Frohbieter.

FINANCE REPORT

As of Nov. 30, 2011, the remaining money in the budget was \$520.46. Since then, Mrs. Bastedo purchased a new Mah Jongg set for 65.57, Mrs. Frohbieter had miscellaneous expenses of \$30.06 and the bill for the Cranbury Inn's December luncheon was \$360.00. That brings the remaining money to \$64.83, with which Mrs. Frohbieter will purchase paper products.

OLD BUSINESS

Senior Community Center

Improvements/Maintenance: Recycling bins are full. Mr. Harrington scraped and cleaned the mold spot on the wall with Clorox twice.

On-Going Programming:

On December 9, thirty-three (33) people attended the lunch and Ragtime program with Karl Dentino. \$78.00 was collected for lunch. Members commented that the Cranbury Inn's lunch was excellent.

The continuation of the seated exercise class was discussed. Mrs. Johnson commented the expense for the teacher (\$40 an hour) is high for how many seniors take advantage of the free program. Mrs. Frohbieter will talk with Township Administrator Denise Marabello on the proposed budget for 2012. The Board unanimously voted to continue the exercise program for the first part of 2012, with a motion by Mrs. Mullen, seconded by Mrs. Bastedo.

Mrs. Conover suggested a snack day with games instead of a lunch to cut costs. Also suggested was to serve cold lunches during the year and a hot lunch on holiday months. Board members will add a line to the lunch report for how many board members attend the lunch and program.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Bastedo reported that the Mah Jongg program on Tuesdays and Fridays is quite successful with over 10 people attending. At their holiday party last week, they presented Fran Rak with a new Mah Jongg board.

The Board agreed to the Mah Jongg group using the supplies in the Senior Center, although the Mah Jongg cards should stay in the Center. Mrs. Bastedo will purchase four new sets of cards in January, and Mrs. Johnson will purchase pushers sets. Mrs. Johnson also suggested purchasing a game called Qwerkle, and she would teach it to the seniors.

Mrs. Bastedo suggested regular coffee be purchased.

The following lunch places were considered good and will be called upon in 2012: Subway, Bagel Barn, Cranberries, the Cranbury Inn and the Hightstown Diner. Teddy's and Cranbury Pizza were considered expensive. Other places to inquire include Molto Bene, the Clairmont Diner and the Prestige Diner. Mrs. Conover noted that it would be best to keep lunch under \$10 a person.

Board members should call in their RSVP for lunches and help with set up.

Suggestions for New Members:

Four vacancies remain on the Human Services Board. One potential new member was discussed.

Programming 2012

- January 13 – “Design for Healing” – new Princeton hospital services
- January 27 – Time Travel Antiques – Tom Petrino – appraisals
- February 10 – Valentine’s Day program – Florence and Larry Kettlekamp perform love songs on the piano and sing
- February 24 – Balance lecture and screening – Barbara Vaning – Princeton Hospital
- March 16 – Video tour of Ireland – Marilyn Mullen
- March 30 – Alzheimer’s program
- April 20 – “Living Well with Arthritis”
- September 21 – Fly the Flag!
- November 16 – Thanksgiving program
- December 14 – Holiday program

Program ideas:

- 1) Choir or Jazz Band from Cranbury School (best in early part of year)
- 2) Artist demonstration by the Cranbury Arts Council
- 3) Fire Company/First Aid – Charlie Smith is available to do a program anytime
- 4) Book talks, i.e. Cranbury history, books for seniors
- 5) Bus trip using free county bus to the new Princeton Hospital for a tour and lunch
- 6) New library presentation
- 7) Leo Fenity – program on milk, milk containers and Elsie the Cow
- 8) Farmer Bob Kane is creating a program on wildlife on his property in Plainsboro
- 9) Linda Bozowski – program on billing for medical services
- 10) Dr. Blasé Toto – chiropractor – program on US Olympics
- 11) Peter Wise – How to start your own soup kitchen
- 12) Foot and Ankle health – Robert Wagner – Mrs. Mullen checking
- 13) History Center program – Ginny Swanagan

Open dates:

May 4 or 18 - Mrs. Perrine working on these dates

June 8 and 22

September 7

October 12 and 26

Mrs. Mullen noted there would be no library program to assist seniors with their taxes this year. She suggested people check the county college, the mall and Rider University early in February.

NEW BUSINESS

Lieutenant Franklin Dillane introduced himself and offered his assistance to the board, as well as the Police department's. He advised the board members to continue to refer those who request services to the county agencies, as well as any identified homeless.

The Office of Emergency Management in Cranbury, headed by Chief Varga and Sergeant Dworzski, is the place to contact for emergencies. Cranbury's police force is comprised of 15 officers, with four retiring in the last two years.

For grants for the Senior Center, Lt. Dillane suggested the board contact Linda Greenstein for assistance. Some grants may be awarded without a Senior Center director on board. He noted that lots of grants are health and safety focused.

DISCUSSION

Mrs. Wagman thanked Mrs. Frohbieter for her year of service to the board and for a job well done. Mrs. Frohbieter will communicate with the Township Committee the numbers of people who are using the Senior Center for various activities. Mrs. Mullen suggested she tell the Committee that the Board is watching the budget and looking into grants.

Mrs. Johnson inquired about a newspaper delivery to the Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m. on a motion by Mrs. Dlugokencki; seconded by Mrs. Morris.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify, that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Human Services Board, and that this document, consisting of four (4) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on December 20, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this ____ day of _____ 2012.

Wendy W. Borg, Secretary