

Senior Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 14, 2007 70° F

2:00 PM

Hopewell Valley Branch of Mercer County Library

Attending: Lawrence Mansier, Bill Farmer, Jean Harrington, Bob Riley, Jane Petrie, Virginia Silliphant, Severino DiCocco.

Absent: Anne Bolick & Nils Stout

Abigail Waugh– Senior Coordinator

Paul Pogorzelski – Township Administrator

The Meeting was brought to order at 2:11 by Chairman Mansier. Notice was made of meeting the Open Public Meetings Act requirements. The proposed minutes of the February Meeting were approved.

Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Waugh again presented her litany of activities and programs.

These are too comprehensive to fully discuss here, but highlights are as follows:

- HomeFriends presentation on March 2 was successful. These people visit homes at scheduled times and assist with tasks that may be difficult for the elderly.
- The book delivery program is up and running. The program is a joint effort of the HV Emergency Services and the Mercer County Library.

- There was an attendance of 15 at the wildlife lecture in Hopewell.
- 5 students were coordinated into the library computer training program.
- "Perspectives", a new discussion group, will be held April 4 at the Senior Center.
- A Health Fair will be held at Hopewell Gardens on April 17.
- The "Swing into Spring" gala will be held on April 28.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Mansier put forth the two most important current items:

β A meeting to discuss and ascertain the need and scope of a non-profit corporation will be discussed April 9 by the task force.

β Although we must focus on a potential site for the proposed Senior Center, the Township indicates it will be much more able to advise us when the dust settles on their current activities. Such activities will be firmed up within the next several months.

Committee Reports

Transportation

Mercer County is holding a (almost compulsory) meeting of special transportation providers in attempt to coordinate such services as provided to senior, youth, disabled and low-income clients. We will keep abreast of our interests during this activity.

Public Relations

We have been receiving considerable feedback of a positive nature, undoubtedly a result of ongoing newspaper coverage, the new newsletter published by the Senior Services Coordinator, the quality of the senior programs themselves and the word-of-mouth generated by these.

Personnel

Even in his absence, the committee partook of a cake commemorating Paul Schierer's service to the committee and our wishes for a healthy and enjoyable future.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bob Riley: Secretary

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2:00 at the County Library.