

Senior Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 2007
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, Anne Bolick, Nils Stout
Abigail Waugh- Senior Coordinator
Vanessa Sandom - Hopewell Township Mayor
Eileen Doremus - Executive Director - Mercer County Office on Aging

The Meeting was brought to order at 2: 05 by Chairman Mansier. Notice was made of meeting the Open Public Meetings Act requirements.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Coordinator Report

Coordinator Waugh presented her litany of activities and programs. New activities or others of note are as follows:

- o The senior picnic was attended by 358 people!
- o The Design for Living presentation was well received by attendees, but drew only a modest turnout.
- o The Mahjongg and Perspective Group activities will resume their activities during the 4th week in September.
- o The Hopewell Harvest Fair on September 29 will again have a booth peopled by the Senior Services Coordinator, members of the SAB and FISH to distribute literature and answer questions.
- o Used medical equipment may be donated at the Pennington Market on Oct. 13 as organized by a consortium of health associated organizations.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Mansier reported that he and Vice-Chairman Farmer have been in continual contact with those “Y” operatives and others involved in potentially securing the CHS owned property in Pennington, in some cases participating as associates in meetings. They will stay in contact as prerequisite events occur in the near future.

Mercer County Office on Aging

Eileen Doremus, newly appointed Executive Director of such office offered her thoughts on why she sought the office and what the office would be doing in the future, highlighting an Aging Disability Resource Center. In addition to the many programs outlined, Ms. Doremus suggested that perhaps “Hopewell Valley” should be represented on their Advisory Council.

Non profit organization

Activities leading to finalization of a non-profit organization to benefit the local activities are being emphasized. A meeting with the drafting lawyers to resolve final issues will be held in early October.

Sites

Mr. Farmer reported on activities relating to the various sites we have been considering, but reiterated that our main attention is focused on our association with the “Y” on the CHS Pennington property.

Transportation

Ms. Petrie reported her disappointment in that Ride Provide was unable to come to agreement with Hopewell Township in subsidizing senior trips. Nonetheless there seems to be increased countywide interest in providing transportation to the needy for individual purposes.

Hopewell Mayor

Ms. Sandom reinforced the intention of Hopewell Township to cooperate with other municipalities regarding transportation.

Of interest to most, it seems possible that CHS might possibly get Township approval for their new facility at the October meeting.

New Business

A representative team will visit the North Brunswick and South Brunswick Senior Centers to glean information regarding procurement, operations and “best practices” of operating municipal senior centers.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bob Riley: Secretary

Next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday**, October 17, 2:00 at the County Library.