

Senior Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 20, 2008
2:00 PM
Hopewell Valley Senior Center

Attending: Lawrence Mansier, Bill Farmer, Jean Harrington, Bob Riley,
Virginia Silliphant, Nils Stout, Anne Bolick, Severino DiCocco, Joel May
Abigail Waugh– Senior Coordinator, Helen Lee, Vanessa Sandom & Weed Tucker
Tom Shaw – Director Mercer County Office for the Disabled

The Meeting was brought to order at 2: 07 by Chairman Mansier. Notice was made of meeting the Open Public Meetings Act requirements.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Chairman Mansier introduced and welcomed Joel May, newly initiated SAB member representing Hopewell Township
Chairman Mansier requested we read the article on how Hamilton secured funds for the Senior Center, article is on back of Agenda.

Guest: Tom Shaw

His office acts as coordinator for all local issues regarding the disabled and is integrating with similar issues for seniors. A narrative litany of his duties was presented, including issues relating to the disabled participating in the arts and appropriate employment opportunities. As would be expected, his presence generated a detailed discussion of the condition of our "handicapped" lavatory.

Coordinator: Abigail Waugh

- There were 25 participants (the max. amount) in the AARP drivers safety course. Very successful program.
- There will be four sessions planned for seniors to obtain assistance in computing their tax obligations. These will be conducted Mondays at the Hopewell Valley Senior Center.
- The "Swing into Spring" gala will be held on May 3, again at the Merrill Lynch offices.
- A Senior Wellness Fair will be held on May 28th in the Hopewell Township Building.
- A program with the 4-H club will be held on Sunday, June 8 at Howell Living History Farm.
- Upcoming programs deal with a class for writing memoirs, a talk about Amateur Radio, and the promised Vivian Greenberg discussion group.

- Deron, the intern, will be presenting to the seniors discussion group his power point presentation created for the purpose of training EMS responders about the Special Needs Registry. Such registry alerts such responders to special conditions existing at the call location.
- A luncheon is being held to thank Deron for his help and to thank Jane Petrie for her extraordinary work on transportation as a member of the SAB.

Chairman – Larry Mansier

Chairman Mansier discussed several issues regarding the newly founded Hopewell Valley Senior Foundation involving tax treatment on nearer term donations, the likelihood of receiving operation assistance from local corporations as opposed to capital and other similar issues.

To bring local citizens up to speed, it is necessary for the Outreach Committee to marshal items of public interest regarding the proposed Senior Center. Some of them follow:

- ÿ Positive and negative issues regarding the Center
- ÿ Educational plans
- ÿ Economics
- ÿ Political issues
- ÿ Safe sidewalks
- ÿ Trail walk
- ÿ Bocce
- ÿ Language assistance
- ÿ Nurse
- ÿ Resource List
- ÿ Survey required or desirable?
- ÿ Letters to editor to facilitate public support?

The meetings of such committee will be held on first Thursdays at 9:30

The Chairman requested that as many as possible attend the Committee Works workshops to be held in Princeton. There will be 20 workshops offered relating to developmental skills in non-profit organizations, of which 2 specific sessions are to be selected by attendees.

A formalized strategic plan is being initiated. Chairman Mansier requested that SAB members visit and critique his work for future discussion.

Representatives from the Lions club have visited the Senior Center. It is our understanding that assistance with reworking the accommodations is being considered.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15

Respectfully Submitted: Bob Riley: Secretary

Next meeting Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 2:00 at the HV Senior Center

