

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY  
November 2, 2021

Present: Allita Paine, chair; Dawn Berry; and Mary Reidy, by phone, and Alicia Presti, Human Services Coordinator

The minutes of October 5, 2021 were approved.

Report of Human Services Coordinator

- Need to recruit new volunteers at the food pantry
- Collaboration for Scouting for Food with Lions' Club for November 13.
- Rotary has made a generous donation to the Fuel Assistance Account and Alicia will attend their meeting to receive the donation.
- Alicia helped connect people with Service Link for Open Enrollment of Medicare.
- Significant time has been focused on securing resources outside of the town for residents.
- Alicia has prepared the budget for 2021. Because of the increased need for rental assistance, the proposed budget has increased by \$5,000.
- Alicia is involved with the Family Support Committee with the schools and this will be a good connection with families and children.
- First visit to Parkland this week.
- Starting Operation Christmas planning.
- \$45,237 was spent of the budget as of 10/31. As of today, there were 2 more rent requests and a food request. About 7% of the budget is left for the rest of the year

Brochure

Mary sent a draft of the brochure for us to review. She has done a great job! We discussed further information to be included. Each of us will review the brochure and send the changes and new ideas to Mary. When we meet in December, we can finalize the information.

We will be discussing ways of introducing the brochure and any event that we can present with the current persistence of COVID.

Ideas for Making the Community Center more accessible to all ages.

- Creating a group of volunteers to come up with ideas for programs and getting them in place.
- New ideas rather than repeating what is already being done.
- More outreach to Seniors to get them involved. Invite people to come back; as well as, new people.
- Gather volunteers and have a sign-up sheet for what they would like to do – a community fair type idea.
- Allita is willing to lead a centerpiece making workshop before Christmas.
- For another year Oldies singing might bring people together.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn C. Berry

