

Human Services Advisory Committee

January 4, 2022

Present: Alicia Presti, Human Resources Coordinator; Nan McNicolas; Pam Manus; Allita Paine, chairperson; and Dawn Berry

Correction to December minutes for Santa breakfast replace drive through with takeout. The December minutes were approved.

Report from Alicia:

- \$1600 under right now, but probably will come to the \$50,000 budget when all is tallied.
- Operation Christmas was very successful 71 homes received pantry boxes and gifts for 41 children and 49 Seniors.
- Greatest need in the community has been addressed with signing people up for the food pantry and vouchers.
- Some Fuel Assistance has been requested. CAP gives out their fuel assistance in December.
- Received a couple call for rental subsidy.
- Alicia has received some welfare calls and she has checked up on them.
- Face Book page is now operating. Identifying places where things can be donated could be on the page.
- Talked with Warner Connects about a clothing bank at 49 W. Main St. Warner will accept referrals made by Alicia in need of clothing without charge to person. Warner takes clothing donations, and whatever income is generated from sales goes back into the communities. They are carrying on work done by CAP.
- Food pantry always needs macaroni and cheese, pasta and sauce, and juice. Not a lot of available refrigerator and freezer space for perishable items.
- Brochures are ready and cost will be covered by Town printing services. The brochures look fantastic, and we discussed the places to distribute them.

Logo for Human Services

Allita suggested that High School graphic arts students be contacted for a design for Community Connections. Alicia will be meeting with Sara Larson who is part of the peer outreach group and National Honor Society. Alicia will bring up the idea of students developing a logo during their meeting. Alicia and Sara will also be talking about ways High School students could connect with some other Human Services projects and needs. It was suggested that High School students could speak about their experiences of service trips during a Wednesday Senior Lunch or Evening program. They could offer computer help, some yard work assistance, or helping with a need of a Senior citizen.

Allita said that her term is expiring and she will not be continuing since she has been serving since 2014. We all complimented Allita on her leadership. Allita suggested that we might want to think about diversifying age and representation from other town churches and organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn C. Berry

