

Human Services Advisory Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Present: Marcia Shell, Mary Reidy, Pam Manus, Luke Simon, Dawn Berry, Nan McNicholas (by phone), and Alicia Presti.

July Minutes – Updated and approved

Human Services Report – Alicia

- Back to school backpack program is going well. 30 students are identified for the program and donations coming in well. Monday, August 15 is the deadline for donations for backpacks to go out with the next food pantry.
- Two additional camp scholarships were awarded.
- 15 attended the program before the Senior Luncheon. The luncheon was a success thanks to Marcia and the HSAC for providing food and serving.
- Although it was a smaller group, the Good Grief program went well.
- Shared harvest is receiving food donations from the Lions Club grow boxes and community garden, Work Song Farm, and from individuals.
- Alicia is working on lists for Christmas.
- Appreciation dinner has been advertised for Food Pantry workers. 40 people are expected.
- Alicia hosted an ice cream social at the Park Avenue apartments. 18 attended. It was very much appreciated. The Committee discussed supporting Alicia with programs and social gatherings at Park Avenue.
- Welfare assistance for the month of July included: Food \$598.06; rent \$2,700; and electric \$500.

Updates

Karen Robinson explained that the State of NH has Federal money to expend. Hopkinton plans to hire someone to look at housing needs. Alicia will participate in the committee work when the plans are further along.

Website - This change of wording for the Committee Charge was approved: To provide support in coordinating established community resources and in sourcing additional volunteers to fill unmet social service needs.

Luke continues to work on the Community HHS Resources List.

Wood bank: Nov. 12 at the Transfer Station.

Interested candidate for the Committee will be invited to the September meeting.

Appreciation Dinner for Food Pantry Volunteers, Thursday, September 22nd at 6 pm

We discussed the content of the invitations with evite RSVP and mail RSVP to email or phone of Mary by 9/9/22. Marcia will get and mail out invitations on the 19th, and Luke will send the digital on the 21 of August. Proposed Menu – breakfast for dinner (stratas, frittatas), fruit cup, and sherbet. Assignments to be determined at next meeting. Program will focus on the impact of food pantry volunteers in our community and thank you letter/card will be given in a gift tote. Luke will check cost of totes and we will have flowers on the tables that one person sitting in the marked chair will take home.

Next meeting September 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn C. Berry