TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT Community Health Committee

Meeting minutes/CHC



Meeting Place: Richard H. Smith / Deep River Town Hall

Meeting Date: Wednesday April 3, 2024 at 7:01pm

The meeting of the Community Health Committee was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by chairperson Tracy Woodcock, at the Deep River town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Tracy Woodcock, Vice-Chairperson Lori Gregan, Secretary Betsy Scholfield, Joyce Berardis, Nancy McGee, Jackie Calamari and David Blifford. Absent were Nancy Howard.

Secretary Report: Report was read and motion was made to accept the report by Lori Gregan and seconded by Joyce Berardis.

Treasurer Report: Fund balance is \$128,162.61 as of 3/25/24 Total donations for 2024= \$1,478. Expenses 2024 are YTD=--- for backpack program, \$1924.67 for Food pantry-\$2013.39, Vouchers for 5 people for fuel, water or heat = \$1552.80, Total Expenses= \$3938.06. Fiscal YTD (7/1/23-3/25/24), Food Pantry - \$11,148.72, Backpack - \$2, 030.32. Total expenses = 13,179.04, Revenue total = \$16,105.40 ARPA money has been distributed. Jackie said we did not get the grant from the state for the refrigerator.

Spring Newsletter was submitted to assistant to First Selectwoman for the Spring edition.

Backpack Program – The schedule for April backpacks is set. David said the Easter baskets were successful. Amazon ordering is going well and David is working on fixing the few problems we had. The school is on vacation next week so we will double up this week. Laura Kasprow will be attending our May meeting to discuss the summer backpack program. We want to ask about doing a birthday cake mix for the kids with birthdays. We want to add it to our weekly packing. We can ask Laura how to improve our program. Rosie said we had 57 pantry visits in March which included 1 new resident. The applications for the part time social worker who can direct the residents in our town with easistence for their needs are underway by the committee of Lari Creaser. Trease

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Our email is: deepriverctchc2024.org

Food Pantry: Jackie and David came up with some ideas to improve our Pantry:

- 1. Reach out to more residents with an updated web page or facebook page.
- 2. Reach out to other groups and organizations in town to help with food or monetary donations.
- 3. Now that spring is upon us we are reaching out to local farms for fresh fruits and vegetables so we will be ready when we get a new fridge.

Membership & Bylaws: Jackie updated the CHC Mission, Purpose and Guildlines. A motion was made by Lori Gregan and a 2nd by Nancy McGee to except the changes and

send it to the First Selectwoman for approval then the town attorney.

Adjourned: 8:27 1st motion by Tracy and 2nd by Joyce

Respectfully submitted:

Betsy Scholfield