

TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT

Community Health Committee

Meeting minutes/CHC

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

Meeting date: Tuesday December 5, 2023

The meeting of the Community Health Committee was called to order by vice chairperson Lori Gregan, at 7:00 p.m. at the Deep River Town Hall. Members present were Vice-Chairperson Lori Gregan, Secretary Betsy Scholfield, Treasurer Jackie Calamari, David Blifford, Dawn Norton, and. Absent members were, and Nancy Howard.

Secretary Report: Motion made to accept the report by Gregan and seconded by Calamari

Treasurer Report: We received \$140.00 for Jams for Cans and \$800 from Stuff a cruiser, our account has \$125,036.80 in our bank account. Our drive brought in \$7,000.83 in October and November. We received 36 donations with Liberty Bank, Deep River Rotary. Jackie suggested we move \$100,000.00 into a money market account leaving \$25,000 in our checking account. We talked about moving from Citizens Bank to Liberty Bank for convenience a motion was made by Norton and 2nd by Bifford to make this change We need a QR code for Venmo so it will make it easier to receive donations. Our social services expenses were \$11,946.53 through the end of November. Our backpack expenses were \$5,744.00 Any check made out to CHC should come to our committee and put on a form then the treasure (Jackie) gets checks and will take care of deposit.

Tracey is almost done with the thank you notes for our fundraising drive.

Backpack Program Discussion:

There are 12 students in the program at this point, we did a double bag before Thanksgiving. On December 22nd another double bag will be done for Christmas vacation week. We discussed putting something special in the backpacks for the Holiday.

Food Pantry: We are very full, we want to purchase a refrigerator to supply eggs, milk, and butter for the food pantry. DRES is having a fundraiser of food donations and we have Toys for Tots boxes around town for donations. We are discussing a new fridge for the food pantry for items to add to the stock. We are looking at getting a lock box for the food pantry key to avoid theft.

Adams will do another round up week in the spring. We are aiming for 4 times a year.

The new manager at Adams is Anthony and we are asking him about bulk items such as Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pancake mix, syrup and coffee.

We have the list of members filling the bags for December and January. We are going to wrap small gifts for the kids in the backpack program for the December 22, 2023. Lori made a motion to get toiletrie items for the backpack program spending \$200 for the items. David made a second motion to accept this agenda.

Other business:



The town is looking for a part time (24 hours) for social worker to add to the food pantry Need a Master Degree in Social Services. This person will work along with Rosie

We are also looking for fundraising ideas for 2024.

The \$50,000 from the state has been put into our account

New Business: We have 3 members that are up for approval, Joyce Berardis, Nancy McGee and Tracey Woodcock

Dawn suggested we review our CHC Charter to see what changes we can make and update the charter

Also the secretary needs to put together a write up for Deep River Quarterly News Letter.

A motion by Dawn and a 2nd by Jackie to adjourn the meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12