

Morris County Women's Advisory Committee
February 19, 2019
Morris View Board Room

Attendance

Present-Members

Pam Bennett-Santoro

Gayle Pearson

Elaine Muller

Carole Harper

Shelby Rhodes

Lila Bernstein

Absent-Members

Allison Delcalzo-Berens

Patty Page

Joann Bjornson

Guests: Sue Neigher

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

The members introduced themselves to Sue. Sue told us what her background was and why she was interested in the Women's Committee. She is active in the NJ coalition Against Human Trafficking. Since the Committee member, Ginny Lyttle is no longer serving on the committee the group agreed that Sue would make a great replacement, so that our information and cooperation with that group would continue.

Since the guest speaker, Larry Ragonese, and Jenn Carpinteri were not present the communications discussion was limited. However, Shelby suggested that the group try Zoom to conduct some meetings in a more timely way. She will try to set up a practice run in the next few days.

Larry will be invited to the next meeting. Jenn Carpinteri's last day working in Morris County will be March 1st. A letter of thanks will be sent to her from the group.

Gayle met with Kathy DeFillippo, our Freeholder liaison, to inquire about the filling of Jenn's position. Nothing was reported.

Gayle announced that there are 9 vacant houses in Greystone Park and Homeless Solutions and Family Promise will supervise their occupancy by adult women.

The annual report for 2018 was tabled.

Gayle will get the minutes from Liz from the fall Stakeholders Meeting. The follow-up to this meeting will then be discussed.

Elaine announced she had contacted the Director of the Women's Center at CCM and will continue to maintain contact with her.

Pam and Shelby will follow up with Liz to determine the date for the Seeds of Change

program and its site. They will also get the 2018 application form and letter. A date in late May during the day was suggested.

They will also get the minutes from the last committee meeting from Liz.

Project Hope is a great success according to chairperson Gayle. It is being used as a model for other counties.

Follow-up for Women's Veterans was discussed and it was agreed that it would be tabled until we could determine how to get the target group to self-identify.

Carol and Lila will contact Fred Knapp on the possibility of collaborating on a female empowerment youth conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Muller