

West Deptford Township Committee on the Disabled
RiverWinds Community Center,
1000 RiverWinds Drive, West Deptford, NJ
15, October 2019

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Rose Cairns at RiverWinds Community Center at 6:00 pm.

Adequate Notice Statement:

The following statement was read by Rose Cairns, Adequate notice of this meeting has been given by notifying the South Jersey Times and the Courier Post, posting the meeting date on the official bulletin board of the township and filing written notice with the Township Clerk on January 3rd, 2019.

Roll Call:

In attendance- Colleen Cairns, Rose Cairns, Bob Driscoll, Jack Magee, Lori Wadding

Flag Salute:

Members stood for the Flag Salute.

New Business:

The committee discussed new initiatives:

The committee discussed having a table and promoting disability awareness at the Autism Walk on October 19 and at Spookpalaza at RiverWinds on October 30. Rose will survey committee members as currently there is no one available to attend. If at least two committee members aren't able to attend the committee will not participate and will look for future opportunities.

The committee discussed having sponsored nights at the West Deptford Library. Rose did outreach to the library about the possibility and mentioned sensory Storytime, arts and crafts, book club as some ideas. Bob Driscoll also mentioned the suggestion of doing sign language courses. The possibility of purchasing books was also discussed. Once Rose hears back from the library she will update the committee.

The possibility of changing the committee name was discussed. One suggestion was the "West Deptford Committee for People with Disabilities." Colleen Cairns will do outreach to Jim Robinson to see if this is possible.

There was discussion of ordering some additional supplies of pens, a banner and a tablecloth. The committee will discuss further and vote on funding once the possible name change is decided.

Feedback from West Deptford Day: initiative with car stickers to alert police if someone with a disability is in the car and may not be able to verbally communicate their needs or may have another medical issue. Rose will do research on other police stations that may have this initiative and approach WD police about their interest. The committee discussed possibly funding the stickers if there is interest.

Feedback for Greenfields school to be sure families with students on second floor can be accommodated as necessary. Colleen will check with Jim Robinson on this.

Old Business:

Rose will check with Barb Lamplugh about whether the bicycle was purchased for the middle school. As there is a new teacher in the classroom that requested it we will do outreach to see if it can be used in that or another classroom in West Deptford.

Jack Magee motioned to approve the September meeting minutes. Colleen Cairns seconded. Those who attended (Colleen Cairns, Jack Magee and Bob Driscoll) were in favor.

Approval of the April meeting minutes was tabled as a quorum of attendees was not present.

Correspondence:

There is no new correspondence.

Public Comment:

Rose Cairns motioned to open the meeting to the public. Colleen Cairns seconded the motion. We welcomed one member of the public and we had the following comments/discussions during the public portion:

-The possibility of a job fair for those with disabilities held in conjunction with the yearly Disability Information Forum was discussed (possible firms include Wawa, Boeing, Rowan for resume feedback, Dress for Success)

Also, potential vendors to invite to the forum (ABLE accounts, Buds, Kidz, Special Events for Special Kids).

If the committee approves the Rock Your Socks initiative year to be held in March it was recommended to consider purchase from the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware. They are a non-profit organization and they sell the socks already sorted and labeled for \$1 a pair. If the committee approved funding for this event we will research whether this is a purchasing option through the township.

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It was also suggested to send flyers home through the schools for events such as the 'Rock Your Socks'.

The committee thanked Kim for attending and for the feedback and will include her on reminders for future meetings.

Jack Magee motioned to close the public portion of the meeting. Rose Cairns seconded. All were in favor.

Motion to Adjourn:

Jack Magee motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Bob Driscoll seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Cairns