AKA Greater Hillsborough Senior Services Committee

Russ Galpin, Phebe Galpin, Bev Banister, Pat Mathison, Art Stickney, Marie Mogavero, Herm and Yvonne Wiegelman, Joyce Peace, Chuck Gaides, Dana Brien

Meeting opened at 10am.

The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed. Mr. Gaides expressed his concern that the minutes were not emailed to the board. Mrs. Brien stated that the minutes were posted on the bulletin board at the Town Office and on the SAC portion of the town website, and that she had emailed a link to the address online where the minutes could be viewed. Mrs. Mathison asked why a PDF version of the minutes were not emailed. Mrs. Brien explained that the link in the email that was sent was to the PDF version of the minutes, and that the minutes are physically posted at the town office for all to review.

Mr. Gaides made a motion to defer the approval of the minutes to the next meeting. Mrs. Mathison seconded, and the motion was approved.

Mr. Stickney's and Mrs. Mogavero's appointment to the committee as alternate members was approved at the last Selectmen's meeting and their appointment letters were received. Mr. Stickney had already taken his oath and Mrs. Mogavero was planning on completing her oath this week.

Mrs. Brien made a report on the Senior Advisory Committee account with the Town of Hillsborough. There was no May report yet. Mr. Galpin asked for verification that the rental donation to St Mary's Church was processed. Mrs. Brien reported it had for three month's payment.

Mr. Gaides made a report on the Greater Hillsborough Senior Services Account through the Hillsborough Non-Profit Corporation. Mr. Gaides also made a report on insurance for the activities that may bring the group out of town. As long as the selectmen sign a letter verifying that the SAC is a town committee, all activities will be covered by the Local Government Center.

Mrs. Mathison made a report on the CPR/AED training which occurred earlier in the month. All attendees passed and will be receiving their certification cards in a few weeks. There is a second class coming up on June 11th at 1pm in the Fire Department Training Room. Also, the AED has been set up and will be kept in the GHSS cabinet at St Mary's or with the committee for activities on the road, such as Deering luncheons or van trips.

NAP: Mr. Gaides reported the receipt of \$291, and the final "large" result of our enrollment efforts. The future payments received from NAP will be for residuals, the incentive payments monthly for those customers who pay their bills on time.

Parade committee: Mrs. Boss reported much progress on the float. The theme is done, a donation of the use of Chadwick's trailer was received and supplies have been purchased. Mr. Galpin gave a form to Mrs. Boss that must be filled out, regarding the size of the float and the activities for the parade planners to stage the event. Mrs. Boss also reported a need for volunteers to build a railing on the donated trailer. The next parade meeting will be June 7th, 2013 at 11am in St. Mary's.

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Van options: Mrs. Mogavero reported that her son saw a van and will be checking it out today. Mrs. Mathison mentioned that different grants are available, but in particular, the NH charitable foundation grant options look good for us. Mr. Gaides pointed out grants are easier to get from NHCF if they come from a political entity, such as a town. Mr. Gaides also gave recognition to Mrs. Mogavero for all the work she has done seeking out vans, and asked where the funds for the new van would come from if we found a van soon. Mrs. Mathison urged the funding would be found if it was needed.

Mrs. Mathison made a report on the price and use of the local school bus company for summer events. About \$40.00/hour would rent a van. Mrs. Brien asked that Mrs. Mogavero price out the Magic Wings trip with that company, as there is the possibility of Mrs. Mogavero may get special pricing. Mrs. Brien will call Patsy's in Concord to seek a rental as well.

Newspapers and Publicity: Mrs. Mathison asked if Mrs. Brien was handling the publicity in the newspapers. Mrs. Brien stated she was waiting for the press releases from Mrs. Mathison, and would make sure they get forwarded to the local papers. Mr. Gaides suggested finding out who handles publicity for the Methodist Church. In the meantime, Mrs. Mathison will write up the information and send it to the papers. Mrs. Wiegelman suggested that Nancy Shea with the Concord Monitor is very good at covering Hillsborough.

Thank you for Cooks: Mr. Gaides stated that we should make a policy decision on whether the committee should do additional thank you efforts for the cooks who are helping to get the luncheon off the ground. The entire SAC has agreed that they have gone above and beyond. A discussion followed regarding what type of recognition should be done. Mrs. Mathison made a motion to purchase a \$75.00 gift card for our chef and a thank you card for George. Mrs. Brien seconded. The motion passed.

Thursdays in the park: Mrs. Wiegelman invited the committee to once again handle the refreshment table at the Thursday's in the Park as a fundraiser. The first concert is June 27th. There will be eight concerts this year. Mr. Gaides asked where the funding comes from for the concerts. Mrs. Wiegelman replied that the money comes from a warrant article at town meeting. Mrs. Mathison asked if there were volunteers to head up the committee for the event. Mrs. Mogavero and Mrs. Peace offered to head this up. Details were discussed regarding what would be offered at the table.

July Meeting: Mrs. Brien pointed out that the July meeting would typically fall on July 4th. Discussion was held regarding dates available to re-plan it. Mrs. Mathison suggested the meeting on the 11th and the luncheon on the 18th. Mrs. Mathison also pointed out summer schedules are full and a once-amonth luncheon would be more doable. Mr. Gaides suggested the Deering church picnic/bbq. Rain plans were discussed for the Deering Picnic Mrs. Galpin pointed out that the calendar fills up quite quickly at the Deering Church and Mrs. Mathison asked Mr. Gaides to get the group on the calendar ASAP. Other options for picnics were also discussed such as brown bag cold lunches and a destination luncheon at one of the local state or town parks. Mr. Gaides pointed out the importance of planning decisively and expect those who can to come. July 25th in Deering was chosen, and the committee will move forward on that. August 22nd was chosen for the cold picnic at Pillsbury State Park. Mrs.

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Wiegelman brought up the distance to the park as a problem for Senior Drivers. Mr. Gaides suggested bussing to the park.

Meal Survey Results: Mrs. Mathison provided the results of the meal survey handed out at the May Luncheons. The top choices were Pork Roast and other dishes that are hard to prepare for one or two people. Other ideas were discussed. Mr. Gaides mentioned that he had received several emails from folks who were unhappy with the cold salad luncheon in May.

Mr. Gaides asked if anyone had approached the Chamber of Commerce regarding asking to be added to the list of community groups receiving donations from Schnitzlefest. No one had yet. Mr. Gaides also pointed out that the Chamber is using a lot of email communication now. Mrs. Wiegelman notified the committee that the Chamber has not been donating to committees but has been typically giving out scholarships. Mr. Gaides asked Mrs. Mathison to try anyway.

Mr. Gaides looked into prices and timing for aprons for the committee and found that Babette Haley's sister made the aprons he had seen other community groups wearing. He approached her and she is willing to do the aprons for cost. The bridge logo is difficult to use, and other options are being explored. Mr. Gaides asked for authorization to pursue a purchase and how many to get. The number decided on was six. Colors were discussed.

Mr. Gaides asked for refreshments at the meeting. At the next meeting Yvonne will bring brownies.

Mr. Gaides also asked to discuss where the committee is headed and the philosophy for the group. What are the overall goals? Will it be events focused, service focused? Mrs. Mathison suggested putting this to the next meeting and she will bring the forum surveys back to be looked over again.

Mrs. Mogavero asked the committee to encourage home bound seniors to call and ask for rides. Rides are available but they need to ask or no one knows. Mrs. Brien pointed out that the Volunteer Driver Program is perfect for this purpose. It is another purpose besides medical appointments that folks don't know is available. This needs to be publicized.

Mr. Gaides also mentioned the perception that the committee is an "old-folks" group. Another issue that should be publicized is that the group's activities are for all.

Mr. Stickney made an update on the website. Mrs. Mogavero asked Mrs. Mathison to put the website on the newsletter and to include it on all the publications of the committee.

Mrs. Brien moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Mogavero seconded. The motion passed.

Meeting closed at 12:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Brien