

Metuchen Municipal Alliance Meeting January 10, 2013

Members Present:

Dan Delmonaco	Jonathan Lifton
Beatrice Moskowitz	Dave Liantonio
Kieran Esposito	Brenda Lewis
Irene Morris-Nann	Judy Cheung
Mort Simpson	Steve Kitsko
Mike Garni	Mark McCreary
Lorraine Colavito	Anna Thomas

- The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.
- Council Liaison Dorothy Rasmussen chaired the January reorganization meeting until new officers were elected. She began by asking the Alliance to continue showing cooperation among its members. Dorothy Rasmussen reminded members to respect each other and allow those that have the floor to speak without interruption.
- Members present recited their oaths for the new year and signed their agreements. Brenda Lewis confirmed the members as the Alliance's lawyer.
- Officer nominations and elections:
 - Chairperson: Keiran Esposito was nominated, seconded, and approved.
 - Secretary: Dan Delmonaco was nominated, seconded, and approved.
 - Treasurer: Steve Kitsko was nominated, seconded, and approved.
- As Chairperson, Keiran Esposito took over as chair of the meeting. All members present introduced themselves and their positions.
- Minutes from December were reviewed and approved.
- Members signed up for programs to review as part of Programs Review.
- Irene Morris-Nann reviewed the 2013 Calendar of Events with the Alliance (see handouts from meeting)
 - A new holiday craft fair will be added as a fundraiser.
 - Irene Morris-Nann also would to hold a town initiative for Overdose Awareness Week in October. A possible part of the event would be a moment of silence in which church bells rang for those that were victims of an overdose.
- Council Liaison Report:
 - Dorothy Rasmussen suggested that Dan Delmonaco begin searching for a replacement from the Youth Alliance to serve as the Municipal Alliance's secretary and youth representative.
 - Dorothy Rasmussen also brought up the Pedestrian Safety Committee which would like to use the term "Town Talks" for its meetings. The Alliance agreed that this phrasing would be confusing for the public and the Pedestrian Safety Committee will be asked to use an alternate name for its meetings.
- Clergy Report:

- Mark McCreary reminded Alliance members that the annual Martin Luther King Day celebration would be occurring on January 21 at 8:30am at the Pines Manor and invited all members to attend the event.
- Police Liaison Report:
 - Dave Liantonio reported that the D.A.R.E. program began.
- BOE Liaison Report:
 - Jonathan Lifton was introduced as the new BOE Liaison.
- Web-Site/IT Committee
 - Mort Simpson gave a background of the IT strategy for the new members present.
 - The committee found that most charges for the website are included in our contract with the town.
- Bylaw Amendment
 - The Alliance's Bylaws need a conflict of interest policy. It was moved to take our policy directly from the GCADA Bylaws. This motion was seconded and approved.
- The meeting was adjourned 8:55pm.