

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX

**MINUTES OF THE AGING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MAY 24TH, 2011
AT THE BOARD OFFICE**

PRESENT

Karen Pesce
Anthony Creaney
Tom Durham
Beverly Fettman
Marvin Goodman
Georgia Santiago
Robert Ackerson
Patrice Cashen
Constance Segal
Manfred Segal
Alvin Shatkin

AFFILIATION

Committee Chairperson, CB #8
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Riverdale Senior Services
Calvary Homecare and Hospice
Riverdale AARP
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Riverdale Senior Center

1. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as submitted.
2. Speakers: Patrice Cashen and Tony Susi of Calvary Homecare and Hospice. Clients are those with advancing illnesses, including heart, lung, liver, cancer who choose to remain at home. The program goal is to maintain dignity and quality of life by managing pain and other symptoms of the last stage of illness 24/7 using the least invasive procedures. DNR isn't a requirement. The Homecare program was established in the '80s with Home Hospice added in the 90's. The team includes a physician, nurse, social worker, home health aides and spiritual consultants of various faiths. Those choosing to remain at home can have in-patient despite care or treatment at Calvary Hospital with a goal of returning home. Anyone can refer to Calvary after physician certification that the client is in the last six months of life. Service is completely covered by Medicare, most insurance plans, VA and Medicaid, the latter with time limitations. All patients can be covered by the charitable program if benefits expire. Family counseling as well as equipment such as hospital bed, commodes, walkers, wheelchairs, etc. are provided by the program. If the family wants additional in home help, Calvary will help them find someone. Calvary serves all boroughs of NYC plus two additional counties.
3. Committee reports
 - a. AARP: For the first time in thirty years Social Security costs exceeded program income, but there still are many reserves. Funds may be exhausted by 2036, six years earlier than prior estimates. In 2007 there were 163 million people paying Social Security tax; in 2010 there were 156 million contributing. There needs to be 165,000 jobs created monthly for the program to break even. The Medicare Trust Fund could be exhausted in 2024.
 - b. Housing Chair: Tom presented the concept of a resolution he will present by the Housing Committee recommending that residents of NYCHA who are downsized

from their apartments due to decrease in family unit size be moved to a smaller unit within the same complex/neighborhood. Approved by consensus.

- c. Riverdale Senior Services: The 37th Anniversary Spring Celebration will take place on Monday, 6/6/11 at The Riverdale Yacht Club; tickets \$150. Thank you to all who contributed to the journal ad.
 - d. Association of Retired School Administrators: there are three levels of property taxation with condos and co-ops billed at the same rate as businesses. That group is lobbying to have condos and co-ops taxed at the same rate as homes. The bill number was unavailable.
- 4. 2012 Expense Budget priorities were discussed and unanimously approved. To be submitted to CB8 Budget Chair.
 - 5. Miscellaneous: Chair of Youth Committee had proposed a joint meeting with Aging, but it's uncertain if it's been scheduled. If not, this is the last meeting of Aging before the summer break.

Submitted by,

Karen Pesce
Chairperson
Aging Committee