

COMMITTEE FOR CONCERNS OF THE AGING MINUTES

Thursday, December 6th, 2018

At Dyckman Senior Center

Committee Members:

Present: Mary Anderson, Chair; Fern Hertzberg, Asst. Chair; Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky

Absent:

Excused: Norma DeCandido, Public Member

Board Members:

Guests: Natalie Espino, MBPO; Shirley Saxton, SSA; 32 members of Dyckman Senior Center

Meeting called to order at 11AM by Mary Anderson, Chair. Welcome extended to all. Introductions made. Thank you to Natalie Espino for initiating the meeting and translating throughout the meeting.

(1) Presentation made by Joan Bowen regarding "Disability Etiquette". Presentation included consideration of a person's disability when interacting with them and suggestions for appropriate ways to approach and assist people with particular disabilities such as vision or hearing impairment, mobility impairment with a cane or wheelchair or walker. Very specific do's and don'ts were presented.

(2) Presentation made by Shirley Saxton from Social Security Administration. She provided general information about Social Security including number to call for information: 1-800-772-1213. She discussed and distributed material on applying for extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs, facts on 2019 Social Security changes, COLA fact sheet (2.8% COLA increase), where to get your Medicare questions answered, 10 things to know about your new Medicare card. She also spoke about several new scams using SSA as the identifier.

(3) Next meeting will be 1/3/19 at the Riverstone Senior Center. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anderson, Chair