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TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011**Scott Stringer
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Katherine Chen, CUNY, City College

Peaches, Grant Housing

Shirley Saxton, Social Security Administration

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Ernestine Temple, Assembly Member Farrell's Office

Joyce Garrett

PUBLIC MEMBERS:G. Marilyn Alexander, **Excused**Wanda Capan, **Present**Laenoria Conyers, **Present**Bessie Davis, **Present**Ruther Miller, **Present**Virginia Lee, **Absent**R. Lewis, **Present**Inez Woodhouse, **Present**Vannisha Taylor, **Excused**Nazarene Robinson, **Absent**Dothe Rudolph, **Present**Margaret Collins, **Excused**Helen Marshall, **Present**

The meeting was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at the George Bruce Library, 518 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027

Chair Ernestine Welch called the meeting to order at 11: 30 A.M. and thanked everyone for coming.

Agenda and minutes were adopted with any necessary corrections or additions at a later date when submitted to the district office.

Presentations:**Assembly Member Farrell's Office:**

- Ernestine Bell Temple urged senior to be partners due to economic situation and stated that planning is the key; she stated that to survive is being partners.
- Planning what is needed for senior with partnership.
- Sharing of information is the key to strengthen our community.
- The internet is the fastest way of communications and getting results soon.
- Seniors should utilize 311 to register complaints and get information.
- Ernestine can be contacted at (212) 234-1430 or (917) 865-5548

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Social Security Administration:

Shirley Saxton, Public Relations, Social Security Administration gave a thorough PowerPoint presentation regarding SSA services on:

The use of the Internet:

- How to apply for benefits using the internet?
- Social Security provides information in different languages.
- Medicare Part A deductible is \$1,032.00
- Medicare Part B – premium is \$96.00 and \$116.00 for new enrollments.
- Open enrollment for Medicare Part B is from January 1st to March 31st and a life (10%) penalty will be imposed on recipients who enrolled after the open enrollment period.
- Medicare goes up every year – no reduction, no turn around

Benefits of Social Security are:

- If you get disabled before retirement you are covered.
- 62 years old with an income of \$14,160.00.
- 65 years with an income of \$37,067.00.
- Call Social Security to verify the income level you can receive yearly.
- There is a quick tutorial on how to use SSA website – SSA offers free services; call (800) 772-1213 for further information.
- The internet is the great tool to utilize especially for information.

New York State Public Commission – Bean NY

- Wilson Martinez, Bean New York Field Organizer, The State of New York's campaign to clarify energy use and eliminate energy waste.

Things that saves energy:

- Smart Strip is an extension cord that's designed to reduce the usage of energy.
- The CFL (Compact Fluorescent Lamp) light bulb saves 75 less energy than a regular light bulb.
- The Smart Strip and CFL light bulb can be purchased at Casco; Wal-Mart; K-Mart, etc.
- In April, Bean NY will have a website.

Old Business:

- Due to a personal matter Ms. Sarah Martin couldn't give an update on the Senior Reading Garden.

Announcement:

Chair Welch welcome back Mr. Alvarez, District Director of Manhattan Libraries; a former Librarian at Hamilton Grange Library on West 145th Street. Mr. Alvarez is in charge of 19 Libraries in Manhattan including the George Bruce Library.

Adjournment: 1:00 P.M

Note: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at the George Bruce

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