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Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: N. Rosario, D. Hunt, M. Bufano, R. Bieder, T. Smith, D. Hunt

Absent: W. Chin, S. McMillan, T. Franklin, P. Del-Debbio

Guests: A. Mansour, C. Saldana, J. Foster, J. Torres

Meeting commenced at 7PM with a Pledge of Allegiance. N. Rosario spoke of two events one of which was the Veterans Day Parade in Throggs Neck that will be on Sunday, November 6. Dr. Mansour gave a presentation on Chronic Obstruction Pulmonary Disease (COPD). COPD is common and preventable. Symptoms include airflow issues/abnormalities from chronic coughing, sputum production and wheezing. It is the third leading cause of death with 15 million diagnosed Americans. Most are undiagnosed. Smoking is leading cause of COPD. Treatment includes antibiotics, oral steroids and possibly hospitalization. Prevention is keeping weight down and cessation of smoking. In more severe cases, lung transplants are needed. Studies are showing that flavored e-cigarettes are causing quick damage to lungs than the traditional cigarette.

Montefiore has placed on hold the plans for expansion of the emergency room at Einstein. Committee members expressed their displeasure. The meeting closed at roughly 8:20PM.