



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK

ABILITIES COUNCIL

"Embracing the power of 'We' by including everyone"

Meeting Minutes September 9, 2009

Members present: Robin Turner, Rachael Druker, Debbie Druker, Marge Griscti, Valerie Molnar

Volunteers present: Anne Brady

Secretary: Nancy Krauss

Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm

1. Heritage Day

Heritage is scheduled for September 26th. NBAC has the opportunity to have a table at the event. Robin asks the committee members and volunteers to check their schedules to volunteer for a time slot between noon and 5pm for this event held in Babbage Park. The committee will have their banner, their flyer, the Abilities Project handout and other related handouts from Middlesex County and the State of NJ.

2. Action Plan Updates:

The existing action plan was discussed and several items have been changed or updated as a result of the discussion. A draft of the updates is attached to these minutes for review by the committee prior to publication on the web.

Carmel will ask Jack McHugh, Outreach Coordinator at the Senior Center, to send the group a list of resources he has available for the community. The committee would like that information so we may direct citizens in need to the appropriate folks at the Township. Jessica Zink, Senior Activities Supervisor at the Senior Center, will be invited to an upcoming meeting to share some information regarding programs available to residents.

The group would like to host an "open house" for parents of disabled students in the North Brunswick school district. It was suggested that we again invite Kathy Dzwilewski, Director of Pupil Services, to an upcoming meeting to discuss the needs of these parents as they relate to the school system. The suggested date for the open house is October 14th. Valerie will check with SPAN to see if they would like to help facilitate such a gathering.

3. Other Business

Valerie shared that the statewide Reading Disabilities Task Forces will get a final vote in the assembly in October. Within 30 days of signing this legislation, the Task Force will be formed. The group continues to hope that Valerie will be appointed to this group.

4. Next Meeting:

The next meeting is slated for October 14th, 2009 at 7pm, in the Council Meeting room. .

The meeting concluded at 8:31 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Krauss
Secretary
North Brunswick Abilities Council