

North Brunswick Abilities Council Meeting

Minutes from Wednesday, May 21, 2008

New Logo for Abilities Council - "Embracing the Power of "WE" by Including Everyone"

Wednesday, June 18 2008, this council will hold an event at the North Brunswick Municipal Building to introduce the Abilities Council to the North Brunswick community. (All members and should attend & volunteers needed)

Purpose of the Event:

- * to recruit volunteers
- * open up dialog with the residents
- * present power point
- * light refreshments **Rhonda**
- * advertise
- * suggestion box
- * Invite Joann Kisselman or Councilwoman Sue Naples (Carteret) to briefly discuss forming a Disabilities Awareness Day in North Brunswick & to talk about its benefits. **Diane (my sister)**

Design our web-page off the main North Brunswick website. **Glen**

Create a power point presentation of our Logo, Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Committee Goals & Objectives and action items that we are currently working on for the event. (see attached) **Robin**

Contact Roy Minieri from local channel 15, and Jennifer Amato from the local paper to advertise the event. **Robin**

Create event announcement and send to members for approval, for local channel 15 and local newspaper. **Robin**

Middlesex County Commission for Persons with Disabilities Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

7:00pm to 9:00pm

Freeholder Auditorium / Administration Building

New Brunswick

Hopefully, we can introduce ourselves to Judy Cusumano, Director, Middlesex County Office of the Disabled. Glen and Robin are attending and anyone else who wishes to. (Glen: we may want to invite that council to our event to learn about us?)

STATUS OF PROJECTS BEING WORKED ON ~~

Abilities Committee Taking Action

1. Create a Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Committee Goals and Objectives. **ROBIN - COMPLETED**
2. Inform North Brunswick residents about the newly formed Abilities Council through local channel 15, the local newspapers, and by word of mouth from its members and citizens. **ROBIN -PENDING**
3. Develop a web page off the main North Brunswick Township website to keep North Brunswick residents informed. **GLEN - PENDING**
4. Identify North Brunswick citizens who would benefit from the Abilities Council such as people with disabilities, paraplegics, deaf, frail, seniors, etc. **ANN BRADY - PENDING**
5. Celebrate a yearly North Brunswick Disabilities Awareness Day for the residents of North Brunswick and the surrounding communities. **ROBIN - PENDING**
6. Investigate wheelchair securement for van transport for North Brunswick's disabled residents and seniors. **MARGE - PENDING**
Marge, please send copies of both wheelchair bills to the committee and copies of all resolutions received from the surrounding communities.
7. Identify a program that allows seniors and residents with disabilities living alone to call in and speak to a representative when necessary. **RHONDA - PENDING**
8. Establish a donation program for North Brunswick's needy citizens who require medical equipment such as a wheelchair, standing table, amplification phone, commode, etc., who cannot afford to purchase. **GLEN**
 - **GLEN** has secured space for medical equipment.
 - **GLEN** will write up a standard operating procedure, that will serve as a screening process for the condition of the equipment being donated.
 - **MARGE** recruited our first wheelchair for the project.
 - **MARGE** will work with Glen for write ups in the local paper (Jennifer Amato) on equipment donated that was given to the needy in North Brunswick each time we have a success story. (no names to be used)