

**Senior Issues Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 1st, 2019**

In attendance: Anthony Fletcher - Co-Chair; Martin Wallace  
Absent (Unexcused): Rev. Georgiette Morgan-Thomas; Marti Cummings

Called to order at 12:20

Approved Agenda with modifications:

Naomi - Dances for a Variable Population - Presentation

Janelle - Librarian - Announcements and Update on Library Hours for Tuesday Meetings. (Now in discussion, will know more in about a week).

Verna Arthur - Dept. for the Aging - Updates and announcement of meeting on October 25th, 2019 at Visions Senior Center, 135 West 23rd Street from 10-12. Food will be served.

Garrett Trepp - Benches removed at 35 St. Nicholas Terrace for Sidewalk Repair were never put back.

Food donations for our Tuesday Meetings - Proposal re. individual monetary contributions from attendees to support Anthony and Martin with purchasing food for the meetings

Announcements:

\*Janelle speaks re upcoming events and proposal. We should have an answer by next month's meeting.

Many programs for adults:

Glass bottle art - painting bottles with teaching artist

1st Session Oct 5th - Ends on Nov2nd. Every Sat from 3-4:30. Showcase art at end of class

Play-writing workshop. Thurs, Oct 3rd, 6PM  
Every third Saturday, Oct to June

Reg quilting circle Every Saturday at 2pm. Learning stitches

Theatrical performance: Don't Ask, Don't Tell Oct 19th at 4PM in Basement

Computer Help - One on One Wednesday afternoons and on Saturday. Typing, Keyboarding, How to open an e-mail address. Mr. Moreno, staff member, teaches

- Verna Arthur - DFTA one announcement re. Annual Public hearing re. Funding for DFTA. Where do you want your tax money to go? (See above for details of meeting). Commissioner hears your issues.
- Congrats on ceremony honoring Ms. Arthur - Leonard

\*Naomi with Dances for a Variable Population presents sample of her workshop. Important to keep moving throughout life, especially as elders. Teach as a team wherever they teach. Here every Friday (At George Bruce).

Old Business:

\*Anthony Fletcher - Have informed board chair about need for more members from the board as well as issue regarding timing of meeting and absence of our chair. Issues with DFTA not being able to stay past 12:30. Seniors get lunch at Senior Centers at noon. Our committee often does not have quorum. We have been ignoring this rule, adopting agenda, etc. in spite of absence of members. Holding things together for one more month with goal to either replace members who are not coming with members who will religiously attend. In addition, we are trying to move time earlier or looking at moving the meeting elsewhere in order to boost turnout to previous levels. Cora Gilmore absent since June - sure it's not for health reasons but because of timing.

Leonard: Question about becoming member.

Martin: Need to be appointed member of board to be member of committee.

Anthony: Can become a public member. Need clarification regarding quorum/resos etc. Need to clarify with Executive Committee. Public members can't vote without us?

Martin: Correct. Resolution can move out of committee with vote from Public member, but cannot be approved without a vote from the General Board.

Anthony - Need to know whether public members can vote and move a resolution out of committee when there is not a quorum of regular members of a committee.

Martin - Cede my time to Mr. Trepp re Benches

Garrett Trepp - 35 St. Nicholas Terrace - Steep incline from there to City College - seniors used benches as resting spot. Benches removed for sidewalk repair and have not been put back. Collected 75 signatures to petition for return of benches.

Martin: Either Parks or DOT responsible. Go to Parks Committee and Transportation Committee.

Trepp: Going to Parks meeting on Wednesday.

Martin - Call 3-1-1

Trepp - Did, but just went in circles.

Anthony and Martin - Joint letter of support with Parks Committee

Ramon - El Mundo on Broadway - Dark on the sidewalk both sides of Broadway. Need better lighting.

Martin - Will pass along to Lyle B. And Carolyn T.

Minutes distributed.

Anthony - motion to adopt minutes. (Minutes adopted w/unanimous vote). Ask members to look at page 1 - issues we need to revisit. Ask for support from office - Liaison - Ms. Zita or someone else. Is anyone opposed to request for help with setup? None opposed. Also need help with getting agenda out earlier, etc.

Mrs. Fletcher - New members not getting added to the mailing list. Office not taking care of this.

Martin - I will let office staff know. Proposal for raising funds from members each month to contribute to a food fund for lunch at our meeting now that we have a later meeting start time. To be discussed at our November meeting.

Ramon - 430 West 125th - Dumpster smells. Need Sanitation to have a look - put on next month's agenda.

Anthony: Budget meeting for CB9 - Meeting not set. Folks need to add ideas for funding. Can also send ideas to office staff via phone/e-mail/post

(See attached list compiled by Anthony)

Meeting adjourns at 1:55 PM