

SENIOR ISSUES MEETING MINURES September 6, 2022

In attendance: Walter T Alexander, Rev. Patricia Caldwell, Lydia Gerson, Eutha Prince, Will Haggis (George Bruce Library), Cheyenne Morillo (DOHMH), Verna Arthur (Dept. for the Aging), William Hamer (Harlem Advocate for Seniors), Martin Wallace, Gail Powell, Annie Payne, (Anthony Fletcher, excused; Arelis Mejia, absent).

Call to order: 11:10am.

Reading of Minutes: Not available.

Since there was no agenda for this meeting, we introduced ourselves. We have two new members: Lydia Gerson and Reverend Patricia Caldwell. Ms. Gerson is a former teacher. Reverend Caldwell is a minister at Convent Ave Baptist Church.

Social Security offices are open, but appointments are necessary. They will take walk-ins but only if those who made appointments do not show. There was a discussion about the wait times at the SS offices; a special line is needed for seniors so that they do not have to wait too long. Our SS contact is Shirley Saxon (866-964-1301x16173)

DOHMH has opened the Harlem Health Action Center.

The George Bruce Library (Will Haggis 212.662.9727-willhaggis@nypl.org) is closed for renovations. The anticipated date is the end of September, but this is not confirmed yet. There is still virtual crochet chat Wednesdays and Saturdays, as well as a book group. A computer basics course is being held at the Morningside Heights branch. Books can be ordered by mail. There is a branch for Braille at the Andrew Heiskell Branch 40 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

We hope to have our representative at the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Precinct next meeting.

DFTA reported that there will be three million dollars expected for repairs to the outreach vans used for meals for homebound seniors.

Next Senior Issues meeting will be on October 4, 2022 via Zoom.