

TEN Steering Committee Meeting  
April 2, 2018  
Latham Library  
10:00 AM

Present: Pril Hall, Jody Biddle, Inge Trebitz, Dale Gephart, Cathy Newbury, Susan Rump, Betty Campbell, Susan Gault

Welcome back, Dale!

Also present: Christine Goodwin from HomeShare

Christine talked about what HomeShare does.

Their philosophy is that they don't need to build; they use what is available, that is, homes occupied by people who would like to share them. In 2011, they expanded to Orange County. In 2014, they added seven new towns in Windsor County to their service area because they are a good fit with some of the Orange County towns. They are facilitators trying to make matches. They do a very thorough background check to ensure safety.

There are 3 HomeShare locations in Thetford that we know about.

HomeShare is a good strategy for people in transition. They write an agreement for how the match should work and also have a 2-week trial period. Most matches last a year and a half. Nine months is a target.

Christina should connect with Cindy Grigel. The average rent collected was \$230/month. "Rent" is a combination of services and money though all services is as common as is all money. Rent is flexible to suit the situation.

(Lyme and the United Way collect information so that they can contact people in emergencies, such as a damaging tropical storm.)

March Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's report: We continue to be solvent. Someone wants to make a contribution to TEN. They can make out a check to the Town of Thetford for this. It will be deposited into the TEN account with the town.

Committee Reports:

Luncheon Report: Sue G. reported that we served 57 people plus 10 takeouts at the March luncheon. We served a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, including potatoes, carrots, and onions with cake for dessert.

Volunteers: Inge drove 3 different people. These were not medical appointments for a change. All 3 were references from Cindy.

Walking: Susan R reported that we walked an average 2.25 miles per week and had 9.6 people over 5 Fridays. All the more impressive considering that the weather was bad many of those Fridays!

Community Nurse: Pril reported.

Senior and Affordable Housing: Dale wants to take a trip to Ruggles House in Burlington to learn more about it. We will plan on doing that.

OCT: Dale reported.

Coffee Klatch: Pril reported. This month's klatch occurred during a snow storm. We still had 12 people show up. Pril is

looking for additional volunteers.

Further discussion of housing: this topic was covered during HomeShare discussion.

TEN, Select Board contract: Cathy will review the draft contract in the next ten days. Then Sue G will send the draft to the TEN Steering Committee.

New Business:

We brainstormed ways to help a local senior soon to be post-op from joint repair surgery. We suggested names of helpers and ways to locate other ones for the yard work and chores he'll need help with.

Thetford Academy Project with Seniors: Pril got an email from Patty McElroy. Next year is TA's 200th anniversary . TA seniors would like to interview senior citizens who went to TA. We helped Pril make a list for the students.

Ideas for a presentation: Jody was looking for suggestions for a presentation that we could give for Thetford seniors. Cathy heard a woman on NPR who has written a book about aging. We could contact her. She might be a good candidate for a group book reading like we did with Gail wande's Being Mortal.

Kendal meeting on fraud: No one from TEN went but probably Cindy and Joanne went.

Next Meeting: April 30th, Latham Library at 10:00. This is one week earlier than usual. There is a good chance that we may cancel this meeting.

Jody adjourned the meeting at 12:14.