
Access For All – Mahwah Minutes

January 13, 2020

Opening 7:01 p.m.

Attendees: Members

Township Appointees & Liaisons

Member	Attended	Absent		Member	Attended	Absent
Johanna Baccan	X			Denise Shabet, CERT	X	
Sue Straffin	X			Michelle Paz, Councilperson	X	
Gary Glucoft	X			Ben Kezmarski, Board of Ed		X
Mike Kelly	X			Michael Galow, Board of Ed		X
Don Minassian	X					
Meg Minassian	X					
Katie Ross	X					
Christine Ervin	X					
Kathryn Bell	X					
Maryann Mauro		X				
John Ryan	X					
Jessica LoPiccolo	X					

1. Salute to the Flag
2. Roll Call of Commission Members.
3. The Mahwah Elks presented a donation to Mayor Roth and the Access for All members.
 - A thank you note needs to be sent
 - John will post donation on Facebook
 - Send announcement to local paper
 - The Elks offered their lodge for an event if needed
4. Johanna, Chairwoman-
 - Zoom.org rides offers transportation and concierge service. Trish Manzo is the contact in Ridgewood. We should post on Facebook.
 - Feel we should be aware of all disabilities including individuals who are both deaf and blind
5. Susan, Co-Chairwoman-
 - Susan shared Art project idea using heart and looms and totes. This would be less messy and many can do craft with help where needed. Make it a Valentine Day event
 - Denise checking on 2/9 or 2/23 for Senior Center availability.
 - 11am breakfast
 - Art and Friendship- Gary will create flyer
 - Gary will check with Stacy Mandel for volunteers
 - Have a raffle and get prizes
 - Only use Shoprite for large events
 - Check to see if Chocolates of Love will donate
 - Heart photo booth

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6. Consider a friendship speed event. Play a game. Maybe combine with Valentines Event. Optional during Art Event.
7. Frozen Movie Recap
 - Prizes a big hit
 - Look at Suffern for next event if possible
 - Make sure volume is lower for movie
8. Special books by special kids website. We should follow site.
9. We should create a short video to communicate about our group. Interview people about past events. Mayor Roth said if we create a script, he would help film it.
10. Jim Theberry retirement – Jan 23 event for retirement. We should send a gift card for a local restaurant perhaps the River Palm. Maybe include pictures of past events.
11. Mother opened store called Ethan and the Bean for son and special needs individuals to work in Little Falls. Would be nice to partner with existing Mahwah business and open a location in the future.
12. We need to create a calendar of events and include other programs such as RIFE
 - a. March 13 possible date for St Patrick’s Day dance. John to create flyer and look into Irish dancers.
 - b. April movie event- Peter Rabbit
 - c. May-possible talent show/Karaoke
 - d. June 13 is the social
 - e. Would be great to do a day event like Medieval Times. Create a poll on website for ideas.
 - f. Mike and Gary look at sport event for 2020- girls team would be good
13. Mike, Susan, Christine, John, and Katie reappointment for 3 years to Dec 31, 2022

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm

Next Meeting: Feb 3, 2020