

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Social Services Advisory Board was called to order at approximately 4:00pm on 2/4/2020 at the Sunrise Senior Center by Olivia Coleman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Harvey Soufrine present
Sharon Baron present
Abdul Basit present

Richard Hoye absent
Olivia Coleman present
Andre Hudon absent

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from January meeting were approved with one correction. Motion by Harvey Soufrine, second by Sharon Baron.

Open Discussion

Presentation

Susan Baigelman from SOREF Jewish Community Center came to speak about the We Care food pantry. The pantry started as a small neighbors helping neighbors type of program and quickly grew to a large pantry housed at the Jewish Community Center. Last year the pantry helped over 8,600 people. We Care pantry helps anyone in need including seniors, veterans, disabled individuals, families with children etc. This is a volunteer run program and it runs mostly off donations, but they do receive some grants. They give out non-perishables, breads/baked goods and produce. Food is given out by appointment only. Susan also refers clients to other organizations if they are in need of additional help or services.

New Business

Kathy Osborn swore in board members who still needed to be sworn in. Selection of new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were made. Olivia Coleman was selected as Chairperson. Sharon Baron was selected as Vice Chairperson.

Kathy Osborn gave the monthly Social Services numbers for the month of January:

51 clients met with
5 families visited the food pantry
5 applications for medical transportation were approved
5 fee waivers were approved

Kathy spoke about the Walk in the Park event which had about 125 participants. Board members spoke about what a great event it was.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00pm.