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SENIOR CITIZEN COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 @ 5:00PM
1664 PARK AVENUE
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Present: Diane Green; Alexandra Vasallo; Edward Franco; Jay Cepeda; Wendy Ferreira and Raymond Ferreira

Absent: Wanda Latchman

Excused: Hilda Vives-Vasquez (Candy) & Jim Greene

Guest: Lawrence Vargas; Theresa Richardson; Danny Perez and JoAnn Henry

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Diane Green

Ms. Green welcomed everybody back from the summer recesses. Especially Jay Cepeda

Discussion:

CERT for Seniors

Edward Franco and Diane Green are CERT Members. They go around the community and they do presentations on how to prepare for an emergency and how to prepare their families as well. The trainings are geared towards the seniors.

Mr. Franco said that September is declared National Emergency Preparedness Month. Mr. Franco said the CERT Team goes around and does presentations. The CERT Team will be out and distributing brochures, and answering questions.

Ms. Green said that they also want to promote the Go Bag with all the emergency and necessary essentials. Every household member should pack a Go Bag.

Ms. Green said if you want to volunteer to be a CERT Member the course is eleven weeks and you get a lot of information.

Mr. Franco said that he would like to see this committee take one senior center this month and address to them how to be prepared in case of any emergency.

Ms. Vasallo raised concerns regarding the list of evacuation sites from 96th to 142nd Street from East of 5th Avenue to the East River. Ms. Vasallo said we need to know the designated areas.

Ms. Vasallo also suggested that the CERT Team should address the directors and the coordinators from the senior centers to be trained on emergency preparedness.

Ms. Green will speak to the CERT TEAM and have them go out to the senior centers and do a demonstration on emergency preparedness. Ms. Green said she will start with UPACA followed by 1199, Wagner, Jefferson and Union Settlement Senior Centers.

Senior Forum for May “2009”

Mr. Franco suggested that there should be a change of location. The committee agreed to Julia De Burgos Cultural Center located at 106th Street and Lexington Avenue.

Ms. Green suggested live music or a Jazz Band, DJ this will get the seniors to attend and dance, have fun and bring them together. Food will be served.

Ms. Vasallo suggested having ushers, contests and get Mr. Wesley from Union Settlement to transport the seniors to Julia De Burgos.

Mr. Ferreira suggested Ms. Katie Harris for the fashion show and line dancing.

Announcements:

- Ms. Joann Henry – Gouverneur Parents Association is holding their 12th Annual Gospel Concert on Saturday, September 13, 2008 @ 1:00pm @ 441 East 119th Street
- Harlem Hospital Annual Public Meeting Wednesday, September 17, 2008 @ 6pm-8pm @ Herbert Cave Auditorium, Martin Luther King Pavilion, 2nd Floor.
- Ms. Vasallo – Mount Sinai Medical Center, Barbara J. Freeman Sarcoidosis Support Group, Thursday, October 2, 2009 @ the Annenberg Building, 5th Floor @ 6:00PM entrance on Madison Avenue & 100th Street.

Adjournment

Mr. Edward Franco made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Alexandra Vasallo and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourn at 6:00PM

Minutes submitted and prepared by Norma Ojeda