

CLOSTER FOOD & ASSISTANCE BOARD MEETING, 5/16/2022, 7pm

MINUTES -

In Attendance: Miriam Lambert, Lorraine Bianco, Hillary Hirshhorn, Lynn Paulison, Ruthie Nussbaum, Adrienne Ricciardi

Lorraine, Miriam and Katie attended the Mayor's Zoom meeting on Saturday, 5/14, with all of the committees and boards. Everyone provided a 3 minute summary of what they are doing and where they are going. We learned that an agenda for our quarterly board meetings must be emailed to Kevin Whitney to post on our website prior to our meeting. We also need to provide him with our minutes to our quarterly meetings.

Update on 2nd Annual Food Pantry Summit – Hillary and Miriam attended on Friday, 5/13, at Bergen Community College in Paramus.

Discussed Volunteer Opportunities. Lynn suggested listing volunteer opportunities in St. Mary's Bulletin. Adrienne agreed to pick up perishables this summer. Miriam will connect her with Lindsey Lax so they can go together in June. Miriam will ask Desie if she wants to get involved with one of our volunteer opportunities.

Minutes & Agenda Preparation; Bagel Pickup & Sorting Monthly; Perishable Goods Pickup for Summer & Backup During Year; Back Up Cart Checker; Back Up Packer and Social Media

Feedback from Packers/Volunteers. 1) Lynn asked for guidance on packing paper products. The rule of thumb is approximately 2 rolls of toilet paper per person and to use the larger packages for larger families (4 or 5 households). Look at supply before packing to see if we even have inventory. Alternate between paper towels and toilet paper for those that ask. It was suggested to provide guidance each month and to have a general guidelines packing meeting for all of the packers. 2) Lorraine asked about sale items and most needed items. She will continue to look for good sales and email our email account when she finds them. It was noted that we have had no inventory for mayo and instant & decaf coffee. 3) Sue will continue to do the end of year thank you note for Wally's Bagels. The bagel sorters need to provide the number of bags of bagels picked up to Sue each time.

Grant Update & Future Grant Opportunity – New Refrigerator and Freezer should be delivered and installed in the next month. It will be located in the Closter Senior Center kitchen and available to others in the borough to use.

Most Needed Items will be reviewed after this Fridays food drive from Hillside Elementary School. Ruthie has volunteers coming in but will need assistance with where to put overflow items. Miriam will be available for Tenakill food drive.

Next Meeting will be Monday, 8/15, at 7pm.