

## **Meeting Minutes: Jan. 8, 2024**

### **Held at the Asbury Park Library**

**Mercy Center:** Steve reported meeting with Executive Director, Kim Guadagno, for an hour discussing how we can partner with the center in the future. We helped the center with Thanksgiving food drive and toy drive this year.

**Eat.Here.Now:** We have 40 restaurants signed up. Volunteers are needed to visit the restaurants with the coupon proof and have owners sign off on it.

Fulfilling the orders - The job entails addressing envelopes, putting stamps on and bringing to the post office to mail.

**Covenant House:** Karen Harrington reported she delivered pizza and a card and cake for a birthday in December. She said she will take care of pizza night and birthdays in January as well.

A discussion was held about going there and teaching life skills, such as how to make a Costco chicken last a week. Many residents spend money on Uber eats, which is costly. We also discussed finding a banker to go to Covenant House to teach banking skills, how to use a checkbook, open a savings account etc.

Also discussed having someone help them with interviewing and resume skills. Steve said as residents leave and new residents come, volunteers are needed to go there and prepare the room - painting, cleaning, repairs. A sign up sheet will be set up

**Book Ark:** Joanne reported that Abby, the head of Bridge of Books is away until Jan 15. UPDATE: The book ark is painted and the school is planning a launch the last week of Jan. Exact date TBD.

Abby has asked for 6 to 8 volunteers to go to Keyport and sort books by grade level. Sessions are 3 hours from 1 to 4 p.m. She gave us 2 dates Sun. Feb. 4 and Mon. Feb 19. (Evening sessions are also available).

### **Other activities**

**Narcan training** - date TBD

**Westside Street cleanup** - date TBD

**St. Patrick's Parade is March 10.** We will participate again this year.

**APLL registration day:** Pancake breakfast Fri. Feb. 2 and Sat. Feb 3. 6 to 8 volunteers needed to set up Friday night and 6 to 8 to serve on Saturday.

**Committee members:** needed for Finance Committee: Deena is chair and Membership Committee: Meghan is chair.

**Other possibilities:** Movie Day for kids, legal issues resolved with permission slips from parents. A leader for this project is needed.

**Asbury Park Community Development Initiative:** Cori explained it is a new program helping young people to avoid juvenile crime. First session, City Hall, Jan. 19, 10 a.m. Other dates are planned. Steve would like some of us to attend to show our dedication to helping AP youth.

**Library Night:** Shannon suggested hosting a night for kids to go to the library and get their library cards. We could order pizza.

**Member Section of Website:** Steve reminded all to go to the members only site and log in for club news and minutes.

**New Service Projects Requests:** Claire is developing a process for project planning and fund requests

**Membership:** New member Shaun, friend of Meghan, who moved here from Florida, joined the club. Welcome Shaun!