



MINUTES MONTH OF: **SEPTEMBER 2020**

**DATE: September 23, 2020**    **TIME: 6:30 pm**    **PLACE: Council Chambers**

Linda Bennett – Coordinator	Present	Officer Greenwood	
Kim Buscher – Chairperson/Minutes	Excused	Lauren Grecco	
Kim Juhlin	Present	Kelly Couillou	
Marisa Cironi French		Chief Borell	
Monica Galiano		Mayor Dunleavy	
Christine Riggio	Present	Rich Dellaripa	

- Call to Order: 6:30 pm
- Salute to the flag
- New Business
  - Linda Bennett met with our county rep multiple times to review and re-write the upcoming year’s budget. The majority of our planned activities had to be canceled due to Covid-19 or lack of funding.
  - As to our committee, we must abide by our Borough’s committee specific guidelines. All meetings are mandatory. There is a need for a stronger and more diligent effort to ensure we are complying with our mission statement and guidelines due to an increase in oversight from both the State and the Borough. We will be audited on a regular bases and all documents must be in compliance. That being said, the Borough of Bloomington wants the Alliance to succeed.
  - Kim Juhlin is our new public relations for all publications that go through Facebook.
  - The Borough will set up a separate email for the Alliance and Kim Juhlin will have access to this website for better control of what is coming in and going out. We will be doing away with the Hot mail email account. We will need to update the public of the new email address on our Facebook page.
  - Kim Buscher will continue to act as our secretary and recorder of minutes. We will need to provide the Borough and the County, copies of our minutes following each meeting. The Borough is setting up our Committee on the Borough’s governmental website so our minutes are made public.
  - Cyndy’s Memorial Bench: Cyndy’s sister has visited the bench & is very happy. The family would love to come up when it is safe for a dedication.
  - Grant: Our grant for the year has decreased and is set to \$4,600.
  - Due to the severe cuts in our budge and the inability to host the many activities we had planned, the Alliance will focus on 1-2 projects this year.
  - October 9th: The library will be hosting a movie night, Hocus Pocus. The Alliance will be participating in this event to allow the public to know we are committed and available. Bags will be provided containing glow sticks, pencils and reading material regarding the Alliance.
  - Linda had been in touch with the coordinator from the Department of Recreation of Kinnelon to discuss how they managed their two movie nights at the football field. The ideas were very helpful for us to think about doing something similar in the spring. Some suggestions were Grab N Go snacks (popcorn & water) for a donation of \$5 with movie tickets sold in advance to ensure social distancing and number of attendees. Our thoughts were to come up with a movie theme that is appropriate for the message the Alliance wishes to share.

- As to our senior citizens, we discussed the fact that we would like to partner our most seniors with the Alliance and collaborate with the national Honor Society, Boys Scouts, and Girl Scouts to develop an “Adopt a senior” program. This would be beneficial for those seniors who are feeling isolated and depressed and allow our older children an opportunity to fulfill any community service commitment. Some of the ideas we discussed: 1 or 2 students each week visit with an assigned senior; provide a bag lunch to share; host a community event such as bingo, coloring, crafts, playing cards or Uno, painting, knitting or crocheting.
- Kim J. prepared a comprehensive overview of the Front Line and Essential Worker Campaign which is attached.
- Old Business
- Public Comments
  - None at this time
- Adjournment: 7:30 pm

**NEXT MTG – October 28, 2020 6:30 pm Council Chambers**