

Program Committee Meeting – February 4, 2019

Attendees: Claire, Sam, Jen, Leanne and Anne, Stephanie arrived half way

Carver Market Presentation

David Brown, manager of the Carver Market, presented to the group on the state of the market. David has been with Carver since 2010 and runs the market. Alex is very involved in running the market as well.

David then went through the presentation, which can be found on the board portal.

Overall the market is a model for other food pantries. The market is a very welcoming space and allows for a more dignified shopping experience. By allowing customers to shop rather than handing them a bag of food, the clients get what they need and enjoy the experience much more.

Clients are allowed to use the market once per month and the goal is for us to provide a 3 day supply of food. There are times when people may come in for emergency visits when necessary.

The market provides food for approximately 450 households per month. The amount of food we can distribute is essentially capped by what we can get from the Food Bank of Westchester.

The market participates in several community events as well – coat drives, community baby showers, food drives and toy drives.

Leanne and the Market team are attempting to get more client data through surveys. People are often reluctant to participate. We believe the reasons for that are that they can be pressed for time, they may be afraid to give out information and they also may feel too proud to participate.

The market team coordinates with Gina Nocco for volunteers and seems to have enough volunteers at the moment.

Other Program Committee Updates

Leanne has been working with her team on the board dashboard. They feel comfortable that they will be able to populate it and are aiming for July 1 to begin capturing all of the information.

The new Aquatics Director has hit the ground running and already has swim lessons going! We are also already seeing improvements in terms of safety and professional development for the lifeguards.

The fitness center position is still open and an active search is underway.