

February 4, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Gooden at 7:05 p.m.

There were two speakers tonight- Mr. Ray Agnew, Vice-President of Community Engagement at Glens Falls Hospital, and Dr. Jordan Blackwood, a cardiologist at Glens Falls Hospital. They spoke about Covid-19 and the vaccine. Mr. Agnew addressed the reluctance of the community, especially the underserved, in taking the vaccine, but reiterated that it is safe. He spoke about the things that the community can do to reach out to people to educate them. Both of the speakers emphasized that they would like help in identifying problems and fixing them. The hospital is doing a PSA aimed at the community and encouraging everyone to get the shot – our own Mary Gooden was part of that effort. Warren County is currently taking names and helping people to get appointments. Both of the gentlemen answered questions from the participants. One of the questions dealt with the timing of the second dose, and it was noted that they felt a slight delay would not have a great impact. It is believed that the effectiveness of the vaccine is 9 to 12 months. All three vaccines- Pfizer, Moderna, and J & J- are equally effective. The most important thing that people can do to prevent the spread is to wear a mask. Dr. Blackwood noted that there has been a significant reduction in flu cases this year, due to the wearing of masks – that is how effective they are.

Secretary's Report

The secretary's report was presented and a motion to accept made by Lee Braggs, second Jennifer Boyer.

Treasurer's Report

Report stated that there is a balance of \$2024.60 in the checking account, and \$7491.30 in the savings. Motion to accept Gregg Figuero, second Ernest Gooden.

Membership

Doris Stanley became a lifetime member. We are still working on getting the credentials to do the memberships online. Jenn got a quote from Kate at Advocate for the printing of postcards reminding members to renew membership. The motion to get the quote made by Lee Braggs, second Diane Collins.

Old Business

The first film of the African American Film Forum will be next Tuesday. It is a film about John Lewis, and you can register online at the Library website or our new website www.glensfallsnaacp.org, or from our facebook page. You can watch the film yourself, and join the discussion after from the link provided. The Film Forum has been a collaboration with Crandall Library for 23 years. The appeals letters that were done by Lee Braggs, and Walter and Betty Anderson, are producing good results. Mary and Lee are both on the Police Reform committee, which will produce its report for New York state by April 1. It is not too late to give comments to the group.

New Business

Mary Gooden is running for Council member from 5th ward in November. Diane Collins made a recommendation to add a Climate Change committee to our roster of committees. The group could help give monthly reports to the town, and make recommendations to save energy, and propose laws. Motion to adjourn made by Lee Braggs, second Angela Braggs

The next meeting is March 4.

Respectfully submitted,
Dona Boyer, Secretary