

Minutes Brooksville Friends and Neighbors Jan 4, 2012

Present: Jean Webster, Jody Spear, Lola Bogyo, Rebecca Poole, and Joan MacCracken

Discussions

Joan presented the update on At Home Downeast. There is now a program manager, Deborah Turner, who has taken on the twenty hour position to get AHD up and running. We are aiming for a mid-January starting date. There will be a meeting for volunteer training on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm-5:30 at the Brooksville Town House. All those who have sent in applications or wish to be a volunteer to help your neighbors are invited to attend. Applications will be available as well as a training manual. Joan hopes Brooksville will lead the way in number of volunteers as well as members.

Summer fundraising: We have applied for Flash in the Pans to play in Brooksville as a fundraiser for the Breeze, but there is stiff competition for this group who generously perform on Monday nights in the summer. Lola suggested at the last meeting that we could also try to invite Planet Pan but that would have to be before school gets out, most likely. Other ideas like a fun boat race have been discussed in the past. Perhaps a kayak, canoe, and other floatable craft regatta on Walker Pond could be an idea. Do you have any fun ideas?

Early Childhood Education Initiative: At this time in the Peninsula there is a project which began in Castine with Gil Tenney to form a group to encourage early childhood education. At a meeting this fall more than ninety people came to hear about this idea. At this time Amy Vaughn, director, of Healthy Peninsula is trying to keep the momentum going and set priorities. Becky Poole presented an art project which she would like to publish and make available to households with children under five. We were impressed with this educational tool and supported her by directing her to several organizations and individuals who could help her with this goal.

Though we had a small number in attendance, the discussions were enlightening. We encourage others to attend our next meeting on Wednesday February 1st.

Submitted by, Joan MacCracken

Hope to see many of you at the volunteer training session on Jan 17th at the Town House at 4pm.