

Meeting began at 1905PM on 02/27/19 at Bill's Pizza West Warwick

Meeting called by Melissa Bruno

Also In attendance: Dina Elhelw , Kerri Santilli, Paula Kriticos, Krissy Barry, Kristen Pontarelli, Mary Lightfoot, Jessica Demerchant

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions of new members

Krissy Barry has a daughter in college and a son in 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Hope. She is a teacher and Unified Basketball coach at Smithfield High School. We also she is a certified pet therapist and finishing up her Masters in Education.

Mary Lightfoot is married and a mother of two. She moved to Scituate 8 years ago and works at Generations part time. She has a son at SMS and a daughter at Clayville. Mary is involved with SYD and Clayville PTO.

Kristen Pontarelli is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at North Scituate Elementary. She and her husband Rob have two boys Luke, age 4 and Mason, age 8.

Jessica Demerchant lives in Scituate and works for Head Start in West Warwick. She told us that her and her husband are both only children. They have a 9 year old daughter who Jessica shared is very attached to her and shy.

Melissa Bruno presented us all with the question is there a need for Scituate Connected? She wants to make sure there is a need and we aren't taking people away from dedicating their time to other organizations in groups in the town.

All in attendance agreed that there is a need-

- A) Bridging town as one and inclusive
- B) Stop Bullying
- C) Safety net, place to go- someone to talk to
- D) Not all children play sports or SYD-we need to reach those children

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**Business:**

There is open seats for Treasurer and Communications for anyone interested in being a Board Member of SC. The attendees were told to email Scituateconnected@gmail.com

**Financial –**

Our bank balance is \$1,100.00

We have a tax ID# but undecided about moving forward with 501©3

Insurance- Should we pay per event or annual – Melissa assigned Paula to collect info and prices to reevaluate in future for best option.

**2019 Plan of Action-**

**Generations** is running a program An Adopt A Grandparent Program - There will be events during the day on April Vacation. Dina will be matching an elder with a youth. Question & Answer, games Ice Cream Social are some of the events she has planned. Most of the attendees said they wanted to help.

**Scituate Rotary Club** - Earth Day Event 4/27 They are accepting used clothing donations. It is a great family day and concessions. SC will be running recycle activities and games. Jodi Lyons will be running a Recycle Relay Race and we are thinking of other ideas including a free book swap. All attendees said they will help doing whatever for this event. It would be a great day to get our kids there for fun and helping.

Kerri & Dina will be working on the logistics for monthly **Youth Drop In at Night Program**. The time, location and dates is TBA.

**4/5/19** is date of Scituate vs Smithfield for a **Unified Basketball game**. Krissy will keep us informed more on this. Kerri is going to check in with Sal/Mike Hassell to see if SC can have a concession stand for game or non food ideas like Foam Fingers etc with SC logo . We will need Volunteers for table or goodie bags to spread word about SC & our upcoming April events.

**Meet Ups** will continue and be posted on FB and Instagram - They are open invite to places for whoever wants to show up and do the activity or just hang out. Examples we have done is beach days and Pumpkin Patches.

**Scituate Sunshine Club** - We started this as a way to send a little sunshine and support to members in our community that are experiencing hard times, illness or loss etc.

Jessica brought up bringing the children to meetings. Melissa said if we can get enough coming we would like a separate children's meeting facilitated during our meeting.

We will be sending out more information to everyone via email and there was no date made for next meeting. The idea of doing online meetings has been mentioned.

Snow was coming down very hard. We ended meeting at 830PM.

Notes taken by Kerri Santilli