

Plainfield COA minutes November 18,2018

Call to Order Approval of Minutes

Meeting called to order 1:35 pm. In attendance: Sue L., Susan P., Ann I., Shirley T., Lina B., Elaine S., Jan G.

Minutes Approved

Coordinator Report

Sue La Rock coordinator since 10-10-2018. Will use 3 months to adjust to new position. She has met with all board members except Ann K. All COA issues are to go through Sue L. first. She reports that we have received another donation to memory of the Helen Hurley . The donations received will go towards the funding of the upcoming strength class.

Ann I. will remain board chair and will provide a monthly agenda. Lina will post meetings, schedules, and will assist with programs. Lina is in charge of initiating programs. Susan P. will represent Plainfield Cares contact and will help with programing. Shirley will serve as secretary, and outreach.

Formula grant is ready, Sue has applied for an extension. How we will \$6,000 from the state: \$3,000 for the coordinator salary, \$800. for instructors, \$200 equipment and furnishings, \$600 office supplies, \$289 postage, \$312 dues, \$800 conferences and trainings.

Report November Consortium Meeting

James Fuccione, Senior Director MASS Healthy Aging Collaborative(AARP). A very helpful resource. Sue reports that the meeting was very informative and positive.

FY 2019 Budget

December meeting we need to discuss what was spent, etc. Break down of budget will be presented at the Dec. 14, 10 am , meeting to be held at Margaret's room. Susan P. will reserve the space.

Programs

Approved policy of payments to instructors. Lina will send a copy to Joan Griswold, Strength Class instructor. Classes to begin Nov. 19 at 10 am. A & A Irvine will open the building and meet with Joan. There are 10 participants signed up thus far. A coy of liability insurance received by Sue L.

Lina spoke with Joyce Erb re: printmaking classes. Joyce will present after a luncheon after the second Luncheon in January. Bill Latimer and Parry Kimora will be offering a writing workshop in 2019. In May or June we hope to take a boat trip on the Conn. river.

Sanderson Academy will offer a luncheon for seniors on Jan. 10 at 11:30 am. Shirley

has secured the Easy Ride van to arrive at Plainfield Town Hall at 11 am. FRTA forms must be completed in order for participants to ride. We will pass out forms to anyone who has filled one out. Kate Bavaelock is the contact in HCDC. Shirley will research if the van is handicapped accessible, and number of riders allowed.

Sing along with John Burns at Dec. 12 luncheon., stipend \$100.

Legal/Medical Issue Consortium Workshop: Follow up? Lisa Kent, Greenfield, is a contact suggested by Jan Gibeault. 4 of our members attended the original workshop. Ann I. would like us to discuss this at Dec. meeting

Report Plainfield Cares Steering Committee, Nov. 5 meeting. Susan P. states that PC wants to be separate from COA. PC will be 'friends' of COA. Information packets distributed should be reported to Shirley. 8 packets have been given to the EMT/ ambulance drivers for distribution. Sue L. will ask the drivers to share with us the names of recipients.

Search for COA home: Susan P., Lina B., Ellen Baer, Sally Silberberg have formed an ad hoc committee. Ideas were shared for a permanent home for COA and community space.

Updates on Age Friendly Community Project. Jan G. reports SIG grant (Service Incentive Grant). Consortium of all COAs. Look into systematic way to have outreach in each community. Surveys have been returned from Plainfield (30% return rate). All members are asked to review the results and present what we want to discuss at the Dec. meeting.

Ideas for Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting Dec. 8. Ann I will attend the all day workshop. What do we want in this town? Examples: ice and snow removal at entrance of Town Hall, sand for seniors- 5 lb. buckets of sand delivered to seniors. Possibly Nick Howes has buckets? Method of contacting people to alert of hazards and weather related concerns. Blackboard Connect on Town Website- Sue L. concerns re: how to involve someone who does not have a computer?

Finding A Board Member, Treasurer.

Elaine S. resigned from the board, but will provide the Dec. meal. Thanks to Elaine for all of her input and hard work. How to proceed with meals in 2019 will be discussed at Dec. meeting. We need at least 2 more board members. Susan P. agreed to do an article re: need for COA board members for the Plainfield Post.

Acknowledgement: Veteran's Day Luncheon, 11/12/18 was vetted by Plainfield veterans. PC information packets were distributed to those who haven't yet received one. The luncheon was a collaborative effort of COA, Ladies Benevolent Society, and Plainfield Historical Society. Special thanks to the town folks who contributed their time and delicious desserts. Thanks to the Plainfield Historical Society for the displays, and table settings. The luncheon was a very significant success.

Meeting Adjourned 3:40pm

