

September 11, 2019 Plainfield COA Board Meeting Minutes

11:15 AM In attendance: Sue LaRock, Susan Pearson, Linda Carver, Shirley Todd

The minutes of the October board meeting were unanimously approved as written.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- Phil will prepare a beef tenderloin for Wednesday's Christmas lunch. Linda will make mashed potatoes, Susan Waldorf salad, Sue green beans, Shirley and Lina pies, Ann Irvine rolls
- Sue reviewed the suggestions we've gotten so far from the suggestion box:
 - 1.) another lunch on Mt. Greylock, but announced earlier so that people can better plan
 - 2.) trips to historic houses
 - 3.) a trip to Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough, NH, a 16 room mansion on 5,000 acres with a 1913 café, \$15 entrance fee for seniors (alas, we ruled it out due to the distance—a 4 hour drive from here)
 - 4.) decaf coffee (we'll provide this starting on Wednesday)

PROGRAM REPORT

- Sue did not get an announcement of our Christmas lunch into the Plainfield Post, but it did appear front and center in the COA newsletter.
- Sue did not get extra copies of the COA newsletter for the library this month.
- Pub 116 will host a Winter Picnic on Wednesday, Feb 12. The menu will be picnic food—hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, etc. Sue will announce this in the Plainfield Post **right away**.
- Jay McMahan has agreed to do a magic show for our January lunch—Sue will announce this in the Post **right away**.
- Sue suggested an appearance by “Have Comedy—Will Travel.” She will check with the other consortium members to see if anyone else has seen this performance.
- A possible program for winter 2020 might be the Christmas Tree Festival at the Berkshire Museum.

UPDATES/REPORTS

- Suggestions for an Age-Friendly core group were representatives from each of the following boards and committees: Health, Planning, Building, Recreation, Fire Dept, Police Dept, Select Board. Sue will write a letter to them in January.
- Matt Stowell's offer of his first floor for a Community for All Center, while appealing, poses many problems, including insurance, handicapped access, and the problem of having a public space in a private building. Probably best to further explore the library possibility. Susan P will check the “How would you use a community center?” box and envelope. If there are few or no responses she will put something in the Plainfield Post.

NEW BUSINESS (New Year's Resolution?)

- At our January meeting we will review 2019 goals, success, and failures. We'll try to make this a practice every January. Susan P will review the 2019 minutes and list our goals and activities.

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pearson