

April 10, 2019 Plainfield COA Board Meeting Minutes

12:50 PM In attendance: Sue LaRock, Ann Kohn, Lina Bernstein, Susan Pearson, Linda Carver, Sadie Stull

COORDINATOR REPORT

- The 2019 Elder Law Education Program is now scheduled for Wednesday, July 24. Speaking will be Atty. Edmund St. John. We will not request his power point presentation at this meeting.
- MCOA dues of \$230.00 are due 7/1/19. Dues will also be due to the Northern Hilltown Consortium—we'll probably get the bill next week. Last year's dues were \$275.50.
- The following suggestions were made for using up our 2019 Formula Grant money (\$1752.64) by June 30, 2019.
 - exercise class
 - June boat ride (we need to start advertising this)
 - Sue's salary
- It was agreed that the main dish of the first COA lunch of the month would be provided by board members on a round robin basis. Sadie will be on for May 8. The second COA lunch will be totally potluck.
- The AARP Age Friendly kick-off program will be held in Chesterfield on either June 21 or June 27. It is important that board members attend. Sue will also invite the Select Board, the Planning Board, and the Cultural Council.

PROGRAM REPORT

- April 24: Brian Brooks, Veteran Agent Representative, will meet with us.
Lina will call Dudley for a list of Plainfield vets and their email addresses.
- May 22: Sue will see if Joyce Erb can hold her card-making workshop.
If Joyce is unavailable, Ann Kohn will hold her bookmark workshop.
- June boat ride
- July 24: Elder Law program
- Lina reported that she has 6 people signed up so far for the writing program scheduled to begin in June.
- A "COMPUTERS FOR DUMMIES" program was suggested. Westfield has a computer room complete with teachers—Lina will find out more from the Westfield COA.
- Linda C will talk with Linda Mason about a Tuesday knitting group at the library. Then we will announce it in the Plainfield Post.
- Sue suggested we consider a program on HOW TO DEAL WITH DIMENTIA in our members.

UPDATES/REPORTS

- The list of seniors in Plainfield and their needs remains a work in progress.
- We will try to get permission from the Historical Society to excerpt their biographies in the COA newsletter.
- Sadie agreed to take on the position of Plainfield COA Treasurer.

- Sue reported that the last Consortium meeting focused on how to spend grant money. Ideas included
 - having a band
 - a Senior Prom
 - Birds of Prey program
 - Tanglewood Marionettes (would cost around \$500)
 - donate books and DVDs to the library
 - purchase a label-maker and/or a projector

NEW BUSINESS

- The Tree Alliance is also thinking of creating a walkway—it would be good if we could work together on this.
- Linda wondered how we might better promote the COA lunches. She has mentioned them to the Savoy people.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pearson