

March 11, 2020 Plainfield COA Board Meeting Minutes

1:30 pm In attendance: Sue LaRock, Ann Irvine, Shirley Todd, Linda Carver,
Susan Pearson, Deb Hollingworth, Jan Gibeau

NOTE: These notes are subject to changes due to the Corona Virus. I've *d those that will be most affected.

- We now have 3 copies of the MA Assisted Living Guide. One will be placed on the COA cupboard shelf. Sue will place the other 2 around town.
- There will be 2 positions open for nominees this year: Winton's place on the Select Board and Linda's place on the Board of Health.
- There are also positions open for COA board members. Any ideas anyone?
- Elaine Holder popped in to thank the board for her Northampton gift card.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- Sue sent the Age-Friendly Community committee invitations to the various boards. So far she has had acceptances from the Health Board (Linda) and the Library Board (Ann Kohn).
- The lunch at Sanderson was a great success. Entertainment was brought in and everyone enjoyed the hand puppets.
- Sue gave the February Consortium minutes to Susan (see attached) and will follow with the March minutes when she gets them.

PROGRAM REPORT

- The Hilltown Consortiums have agreed to share information on performers they have hired.
- The Chesterfield COA has invited Plainfield to join them at a lunch at Pickety Place, but since it is a 2-hour drive, it isn't good for our people.
- Programs Being Considered:
 - * CHAIR YOGA: Susan will follow up with Darlene
 - * MEALS OUT: Considering the success of our Pub 116 "picnic," we think 2-4 meals out each year would be a good idea. Places under consideration are Cold River, Spruce Corner, the Tap Room, the Chesterfield Store, and the Williamsburg Snack Bar. Shirley will check with Spruce Corner.
 - TROLLEY MUSEUM: We decided not to follow up on this idea.
 - HERBERT ARBORETUM: Sue LaRock to check into this.
 - HUDSON RIVER HOUSES: Susan to lend her *Traveler's Guide to the Hudson River Valley* to Lina and also pass on information she has gotten from the Trustees of Reservations.
 - * ICE CREAM SOCIAL: We'd all like to do this. This is a project for Lina.
 - * BASEBALL GAME IN PITTSFIELD: Another project for Lina.
 - * MT. GREYLOCK: Another Lina project. Schedule for September, but if no one signs up again, we won't do it.

* LADY BEA BOAT TRIP: Since this was so popular last summer, we'd like to do it again this summer. Lina again.

NOTE: There seem to be a number of summer events (ice cream social, Lady Bea boat trip, and baseball game) followed in September with Mount Greylock. We need to consider with Lina what is realistic, assuming all are not cancelled due to CV virus.

* CRANE PAPER MUSEUM: We agreed that we should charge \$5. But we need to wait and see what happens with the Corona Virus and postpone if need be. **The van cannot transport children.**

* AFTER-LUNCH PROGRAMS:

* Sue will talk with Ruth Osgood about speaking after our May lunch.

* Deb Hollingworth will speak after our April 8 lunch.

UPDATES/REPORTS:

• Lina will no longer be putting our minutes onto the Plainfield website. So far no one has volunteered to do so.

* On April 23 at 1 pm there will be a presentation at the Chesterfield Community Center about Single-Payer Health Insurance.

• COMMUNITY FOR ALL CENTER: Sue will send the community-space use information we compiled to David Kramer.

• Everyone should expect 2020 CENSUS info to arrive in the mail.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

Sue LaRock

- Place the MA Assisted Living Guides around town.
- Talk with Shirley about delegation of duties, then report to the Board
- Send the community-space use info we compiled to David Kramer
- Look into the Herbert Arboretum as a possible COA destination
- * Talk with Ruth Osgood about speaking after our May COA lunch
- Send names of musicians who have drawn a crowd for other hilltown COAs to Lina and the Board

HOLD-OVERS:

- Design a birthday greeting to send to Plainfield seniors
- Get newsletters and other materials from towns who have changed the name of their COAs
- Andy is getting the name and number of a sign maker. Bring it to the next Board meeting so we can decide what to do.
- Send job description on website to Select Board
- Get a letter from Deb Hollingworth about what services she offers and send to Lina

Lina Bernstein

- Draft a letter to seniors about resources available to them
- *Make arrangements with Crane Paper Museum as needed

* Look into an ice cream social, a Pittsfield baseball game, and another boat trip.

Shirley Todd - Talk with Sue about distribution of duties
- Check with Spruce Corner about a possible COA lunch there

Susan Pearson * Follow up with Darlene about a chair yoga class
- Lend Lina her Hudson River Guide and Trustees info

Deb Hollingworth - Report on status of the Worthington Health Center
- Finish letter about the services she offers

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pearson