

July 10, 2019 Plainfield COA Board Meeting Minutes

1:05 PM In attendance: Sue LaRock, Shirley Todd, Ann Kohn, Lina Bernstein, Susan Pearson, Linda Carver, Ann Irvine

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- AARP Age-Friendly Kickoff Program: Plainfielders who attended agreed this was a total waste of time except for the fact that Natalie Blais was there.
- We need to set up a core group to establish priorities on what the town needs are and how to achieve them. Sue will check with Howard about info we already have on people's needs. See also the COA survey.
- PLANS FOR FIXING THE LIBRARY SPACE FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER:
 - Denise and Ann Kohn will provide the deed.
 - Re. installing a kitchen, Shirley noted that everything brought to COA lunches is already cooked.
- The NHC WEBSITE (northernhilltowncoas.org) is looking good. We need to get a picture of Plainfield Town Hall and the Church side-by-side.
- LAST NHC MEETING:
 - Jan Gibeau was in the hospital.
 - The logo looks great.
- FORMULA GRANT LEDGER: As of June 30, 2019, the balance on hand was \$0.
- THE FOOT CARE CLINIC is every other month. The next clinic will be on August 6, 2019.
- IDEAS FOR IMPROVING ATTENDANCE AT COA LUNCHEONS:
 - Open at 11 for folks to enjoy puzzles, games, knitting, etc.—Sue will announce on the boat trip
 - Think of a new name
 - Sue will put a notice in the Post about the Monday 10-11 exercise class and send it to Lina to put on the web site.
- Attorney St. John will speak after our July 24 luncheon. Sue will announce in the Post and send a “punchy” draft to board members. She'll also talk it up on the boat trip.

PROGRAM REPORT

- BOAT TRIP:
 - So far 30 have signed up and there will probably be 4 or 5 more.
 - The address is 1 Alvord Street, South Hadley
 - If boat trip goes well, Sue or Ann Irvine will write up for the Post
- PROSPECTIVE PROGRAMS:
 - Ann Kohn suggested a trip to Mt. Greylock in the Fall
 - Shelburne Falls won't do the computer classes. Lina will talk to Sanderson Academy about finding someone else. Shirley took a class from CDC—Lina will check with them too.
 - There has been no interest in the knitting class—we'll table it till fall

UPDATES/REPORTS

- Shirley and Sue will meet soon re. senior needs in the community

NEW BUSINESS

- Hilltown Mobile Markets: Sue will put a notice in the COA newsletter
- Train Campaign: A train from Pittsfield to NYC will start with a seasonal run
- Dorset Dollies: Ann Kohn reports that Dorset's son has made a film and he is willing to show it in Plainfield.
- There will be an ad in the Plainfield Post for a work party to clean up Plainfield Pond

The meeting adjourned at 2:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pearson