

September 11, 2019 Plainfield COA Board Meeting Minutes

1:05 PM In attendance: Sue LaRock, Shirley Todd, Lina Bernstein, Susan Pearson, Linda Carver, Jan Gibeau came as our guest

The meeting opened with a Welcome to Jan Gibeau.

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

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- NHC WEBSITE: Sue will be training on how to add things to the website this month and will keep us advised. Each town now has its own computer, provided by the NHC.
- COA LUNCHESES:
 - Susan Pearson will be providing meatloaf and mashed potatoes for the October lunch.
 - Phil Alessio will cook the Thanksgiving turkey.
 - We still need to find someone to cook the Christmas roast for the December lunch.
- JAN-FEB-MAR LUNCHESES: The board agreed that we should hold lunches during the winter.
- NAME CHANGE: Because so many people avoid the COA because of its name, the board feels we need a new name. The Board all liked "Community for All." Jan did not think there would be any financial repercussions because of the name change.
- SUGGESTIONS FOR PEOPLE TO SIT ON THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE AARP-AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES:
 - We need to look at the surveys of elder needs, then gather a forum to look at priorities.
 - Jan will send the survey tallies to Sue and she will send Plainfields to the Board members, who will then meet before getting together with other Boards.
 - The CDC can help us find grants.
- CONCERNS ABOUT ELDERS: Transportation for Blanche is not yet a problem, but will become a problem for Ann and Allen Irvine. Shirley provided her with a Hilltown Driver Pool brochure. Shirley will get 100 more brochures for the Plainfield Cares kits.

Ann will be moving into Linda Manor on Thursday for at least 1 week. She requested calls at 9 am every morning when she returns home. She will let the COA board know when that will be.

USES FOR PLAINFIELD BUILDINGS:

- **Board members will each make a list of potential building uses and send to Sue.**
- The library septic system problems are now in Linda Carver's hands as a member of the Board of Health.

HAZARD MITIGATION:

- We will invite David Kramer to advise the COA board in October.

UPDATE ON PROSPECTIVE PROGRAMS:

- **Mt. Greylock**—So far only 8 people have signed up. Linda will invite the Savoy COA to join us and perhaps share cost of the van. Susan will announce in church and at the following luncheon for Ton.
- **Mass MoCA**—So far only 5-6 people have signed up. Susan will announce this in church too.
- **Computer class**—So far only 5 people have signed up.
- **“Tales of Old Plainfield”** a possible program for November or December. Tale tellers could include Sue LaRock, Thelma Pilgrim, Linda Carver, and Anna Hathaway if she can be persuaded. Lina will invite them and ask Bob Persing to MC.
- possible comedy hour in December—Sue L will find her contact.
- Susan P suggested that for November and December we hold early suppers (5 PM?) instead of lunches, to be followed by the special programs mentioned above. All agreed this was a good idea.
- Future programs could include a garden tour in June, a tour of Arrowhead, even a trip to Hyde Park.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pearson