

August 14, 2019 Plainfield COA Board Meeting Minutes

12:45 PM In attendance: Sue LaRock, Shirley Todd, Ann Kohn, Lina Bernstein, Susan Pearson, Linda Carver. Sadie Stull and Sally Silberberg joined us later.

Ann Kohn announced that she must resign from the board. Board members expressed their sorrow at this news. Ann will try to continue to bake bread for the lunches.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- NHC WEBSITE: Sue is taking training sessions on how to add things to the website and will keep us advised. Each town now has its own computer, provided by the NHC.
- FOOT CARE CLINIC is now every other month. The next clinic will be held on October 1.
- COA LUNCHESES:
 - Sue moved that we hold one lunch only, starting in September. If we have complaints, we can resume with two. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Each lunch will feature a main course that will appeal to our seniors.
 - It was suggested that since Steve is no longer coming to COA lunches, we take a lunch to him. But we first need to find out if he wants that.
 - SEPTEMBER 11 lunch: SHIRLEY OCTOBER 9 lunch: LINDA
 - Sue will call PHIL ALLESSIO to ask if would be willing to prepare the NOV and DEC main courses

PROGRAM REPORT

- GREYLOCK roads close on October 18. Also the tour is too expensive, but we can do one on our own.
 - Participants can bring their own lunches or purchase one there for around \$10.
 - We settled on possible dates of Wed. 9/25, Thurs 9.26, Wed 10/2 and Thurs 10/3
 - Shirley will check with Easy-Ride to see if they'd be willing to drive, making some stops along the way and find out if any of the above dates will work.
 - We will invite the Savoy COA people to join us.
- MASS MOCA TRIP
 - A tour for up to 25 seniors will cost \$16 per person plus \$60 for the tour.
 - We decided on a 1 hour "history of the building" tour, with time afterward for wandering the museum.
 - People can bring their own lunches or purchase lunch in the Mass Moca cafeteria
 - Workable dates are Wed 10/23 or Thurs 10/24
 - Shirley will check on van availability for those dates. (12-person van cost is \$60)
- POSSIBLE FUTURE TRIPS:
 - Clark Museum—to be discussed later.
- BOAT TRIP PROBLEM WITH NO-SHOWS: We decided to ask for a \$5 donation to secure one's place on future tours, with a cut-off date for cancellations and a penalty for cancelling after that date.

HILLTOWN DRIVER POOL (a new program to supplement the Easy Ride program)

- Shirley passed out rider guidelines and policies
 - Shirley will advise Jeanne Sargent of the program
 - Lina will get the guidelines to David Kramer to give to Kate Irvine
 - Matt Stowell is applying to be a driver
- The HCDC drivers will be paid
- Ann Kohn noted that there is also a transportation program for vets going to the VA—Shirley will look into this.

UPDATES/REPORTS

• FINDING A SOCIAL CENTER IN PLAINFIELD

- Sally Silberberg reported that Hathaway Hall is out, and that the current choices seem to be either the basement of the library or Town Hall.
 - There is no drainage on the east side of the library
 - Town Hall has no septic system! It has a cesspool, which is illegal.
 - Ann K and Sadie would like to start with Town Hall
 - Ann noted that the kitchen in Town Hall works
 - Sue noted that Town Hall is a multi-use building and it would be difficult to set up anything permanent
 - It was noted that the refrigerator, tables, and chairs in Town Hall are the property of the COA
 - Ann K suggested that the various Plainfield Boards should travel around to other towns' COA buildings
 - Ann K assured us that the library building was NEVER intended solely for library use
 - It was suggested that the COA could use the Arts Fest room.
 - THE FIRST STEP is for the COA Board to provide a list of uses for a COA space. Board members will each prepare a list and send it to Sue.
 - THE NEXT STEP is to get feasibility studies on the Arts Fest room, the basement of the library, and Town Hall. Tris Metcalfe has offered to do a feasibility study on the library.
 - Sally suggested that the “Building Group” become a kind of sub committee of the COA—“Friends of the COA”
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- Plainfield MITIGATION PREPAREDNESS GROUP
 - The first organizational meeting will be held on August 28 at 4 PM in Town Hall. Sue will attend and report back.
 - Plainfield residents should sign up for notification of hazards on the Plainfield website.

NEW BUSINESS

- MEETING POSTING POLICY: The town wants not only Board minutes but also board meeting agendas posted on the website and also given to Ruth Osgood.
- WWW.LOOKFORHELP is a new resource for seniors needing help.
- COA NAME CHANGE: Sue asked board members to send suggestions for a new name to her.
- LADY B TRIP: Sue will send her review to the Plainfield Post.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pearson