

Minutes of the PLAINFIELD COA BOARD MEETING
Wednesday October 12 2022

PRESENT: Polly Ryan, Susan Honneus, Shirley Todd, Susan Pearson,
ABSENT: Ann Irvine, Mary Potter, Bonnie Phillips

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by Shirley Todd.

COORDINATOR UPDATE

- Consortium discussed how to spend \$81,000 (divided among the Hilltown COAs) that remains after the newsletter has been funded for another year. Ideas: electronics workshops by Caleb every week at the library, a “Memory Café” (fun projects to improve one’s memory)
- Polly and Deb wrote a “soft-pitch for newsletter donations” to be published in the regional section of the November newsletter. The entire December newsletter will be devoted to how to fund in 2024,
- HVES grant is fully funded. We need to make a list of ways to spend it by January 2023 and start spending it. Polly will get the rules from Lorrie
- ONE PLAINFIELD funds are federal—we need ideas on how to spend it. The group agreed it would be a good idea to host a luncheon to discuss.

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER AND BEYOND

- There will be no game days in November or December and will only start again in January if interest is expressed.
- Turkey luncheon on November will be followed by a SHINE presentation by Deb.
- Shirley to find out if Phil can prepare the turkey.
- Sue H will send out invitations to the Vets lunch on November 11.
- Polly will get a list of frail vets from VA
- Susan will check with Laurie Israel about doing a Christmas sing-along [POST MEETING REPORT—Laurie is NOT interested in doing this with her group.]
- The flu clinic has 81 people registered.

SENIOR SERVICES FOLDER UPDATES

- Everybody (except Shirley who has delivered hers) needs to get going.

NEWSLETTER SUPPORT LETTER

- Polly will write one for luncheon participants to sign.

OTHER EVENTS TO PLAN

- Polly will contact Gene O’Neal (TRIAD) to see what services can be provided.
- Fire Safety Workshop—check and install new fire alarms?
- Workshop on how and where to get PCA or caregiver help. If your income is less than \$2500 a month, Mass Health pays for PCA

HVES and HEN are looking to hire PCAs and caregivers. HVES provides training.

- A REMINDER OF UPCOMING LUNCHESES—We need to remind board members that if they cannot bring their lunch contribution they need to find someone else to provide it.

NOVEMBER 11—VETERANS DAY

Polly spaghetti and meatballs
Susan P pasta and parmesan
Bonnie garlic bread
Shirley salad
Sue H + Mary desserts

NOVEMBER 16 LUNCH—the 3rd WED so as not to fall too close to 11/11

Shirley to ask Phil Alessio if he could make a turkey
Sue H creamed onions
Polly mashed potatoes and gravy
Mary squash casserole
Ann green beans
Susan P stuffing
Bonnie cranberry sauce and carrot casserole
Shirley dessert
Alice pumpkin pie and whipped cream

DECEMBER 14 LUNCH

Shirley to ask Phil if he could make a roast beef again
Sue H popovers and cauliflower casserole
Polly roasted potatoes and roasted brussels sprouts
Shirley carrot something
Mary cheesecake
Susan P cheesecake
Bonnie snowball cookies

THINGS TO DO

- ALL MEMBERS: Services for Seniors updates to Susan P
Ideas for how to spend available monies (see COORD UPDATE)
If you can't provide the lunch entry you were down for—find
someone else to provide it
- POLLY: get a list of frail vets from VA
Write a newsletter support letter to be sign by lunch folks
Contact Gene O'Neal (TRIAD): What services can be provided?
- SUE H: Send out invitations to Vets for lunch
- SHIRLEY Call Phil Alessio re November turkey and December roast
- SUSAN P: check with Laurie about Christmas lunch entertainment—answer was NO

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pearson