

COA Minutes - November 11, 2023

Meeting called to order at 12:51 A.M.

Present: Polly Ryan, Coordinator, Shirley Todd, Sue Honneus, Bonnie Phillips, and Mary Potter

Minutes for October 11, 2023 approved.

Coordinator update

Polly continues to work on expanding the driver pool to give seniors rides to various appointments for the Hilltown Community Development Corporation (HCDC) program. She has advertised the program on the website with the need for more drivers "Everything Plainfield" and has put up posters around the hill towns, along with articles she has already placed in the Plainfield Post and the Council on Aging newsletter.

Polly is applying for another MOCA grant in collaboration with Earthdance. This one is a "Farm to Table" nutrition initiative. Participants will do two hours of gardening followed by two hours of food preparation at the Earthdance site. Earthdance has both a full-time chef and gardener to give instruction. A recent Board of Health inspection of their kitchen earned them an A+ rating. The \$20,000 grant will run for 17 weeks. We should hear back on this application by December 1st. (The current collaboration with Earthdance - an exercise and luncheon series - so far has had 10 responses to participate. The first session has been very successful. The 6 sessions will run from November 5 through December 15).

Sixty people received Covid shots and flu shots at the October clinic that we sponsored. This will allow us to meet the quota for our grant. Forty more people have registered for the November 8th Covid clinic - just meeting the quota for a grant. We have 500 Covid test kits on hand - one box at Town Hall, one with Shirley, and one with Polly. Each box has 5 tests.

Polly is now the Project Manager for the new town website with Civic Plus. She did not get the Web Content Manager position. Polly has also volunteered to be our representative to the HVES board.

Polly reports that there was a discussion at the consortium meeting about future programming, based on the responses from the Memory Conference survey.

Mary and Bonnie will do LGBTQ+ training whenever it is offered.

Programming

- Laura Wetzler will give a 90-minute holiday concert on Saturday, December 9th at 2 P.M. at the Plainfield Church. COA has agreed to pay her \$400.
- There will be no Dancing with Polly or Memory Support group in December.
- We will sponsor our traditional Veterans' Luncheon on November 10.
- After the December luncheon, Jack Swindlehurst will sing and play music. COA will pay him \$50.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Potter