

Minutes of the PLAINFIELD COA BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 8, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 by Shirley Todd.

- WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS, Mary Potter and Bonnie Phillips!
- Linda Carver is now resigning from the board—Sue H will send her a thank-you card. Susan P will email Bonnie and Mary Linda's Services for Seniors updates to do.
- Last month's meeting minutes were approved as written.

COORDINATOR/CONSORTIUM REPORT

- Consortium dues are going back to 50 cents per elder per year. There is currently \$10,000 of consortium dues in the kitty, which can be used to help finance the newsletter if needed.
- Consortium meetings will now be on the 1st Wed of the month from 10 am to noon. On August 8 there will be a training session for new consortium members.
- Plainfield has the following funds to spend by September 30, 2022:
 - \$795 from HCDC for Joan Griswold exercise classes
 - \$350 from HVES which can be put toward our Lady B CT River cruise
 - \$600 in a grant to be used for a multi-generational event
- Sue H clarified to Polly that Joan invoices should be sent to Laurie and she will pay out of the COA fund. Other invoices go to Paula. Any donations should be sent to Amelia to put in our COA account.
- Plainfield COA is funded by dues, State grants, and Town of Plainfield funds. Polly has discovered that Paula King has not been giving us the town funds. She is trying to straighten this out.
- Polly is now doing the Plainfield Post announcements and the COA newsletter. She was reminded that we need to remove Linda from the board members and add Mary Potter and Bonnie Phillips on the COA newsletter.
- Polly is consolidating the Plainfield event resource list to share with the consortium.

EVENTS FOR SUMMER

- As the Lady B cruise is scheduled for August 12, it was decided not to have an August 10 lunch. That lunch will be held instead on September 14:

Meat loaf by Susan P

Mac & Cheese by Sue H

Deviled eggs by Ann

Cole Slaw by Polly

Vegetable by Mary

- Those who wish to go on the cruise should notify Polly. The cost will be \$30 per person and will include lunch on the boat.

- Shirley will notify Laurie Israel that there will be no August COA lunch and reschedule her performance.
- Polly will announce no August lunch in the Plainfield Post.
- Coffee-and-Game afternoons will happen every 4th Thursday of the month from 2-4 PM starting on June 23rd. Participants are asked to bring snacks and games. We will provide coffee and tea. Hosts will be
 - June 23: Polly and Ann
 - July 28: Sue H and Shirley
 - August 25: Susan P and Bonnie
- Luncheons are now planned through September.
- Joan's Plainfield exercisers prefer to stay with Zoom rather than exercise in person.

UPDATES FOR SENIOR SERVICES FOLDERS

- Shirley delivered hers to SP today.
- Other board members need to complete theirs
- Susan P will let Mary and Bonnie know which pages they need to update

OTHER EVENTS TO PLAN?

- A presentation from the Consumer Protection Unit of the NW DA's Office about scams, fraud, identity theft. Polly thought this could be presented in a fun jeopardy-stye game fashion.
 - We did this once to very few people interested—we need to check with our lunch folks before we schedule another presentation
- Ellen Dupont flu clinic and survey—Sue H to check with Ellen about what the survey is and let her know that we DO want to schedule a flu clinic in the fall.
- SHINE—this is Deb Hollingworth, who has a regular column in the COA newsletter. Polly could remind people of her services in the Plainfield pages.
- VA REPRESENTATIVE—Also to go in the newsletter a reminder that Robert Vigneault is Plainfield's VA rep and can be reached at 413-587-1299 for appointments or questions.
- MEN'S GROUP: We need to ask in the Plainfield Post and COA newsletter for interest.
- WOMEN'S GROUP: The board thought probably not needed.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The call list needs to be revised.
- The newsletter roster needs to be updated.
- Polly to ask Ruth for the town senior email/phone list.
- Polly to call Brian Hawthorne about getting better COA representation on the Plainfield website.
- Sue H agreed to keep us supplied with basics such as butter, mustard and ketchup, etc.
- Polly will write a COA newsletter support letter for lunch participants to sign in July.
- We have the HVES Plainfield Needs Assessment Fact Sheet (see attached). Polly will find out how they got their responses.

THINGS TO DO

- ALL MEMBERS: Services for Seniors updates to Susan P
- POLLY: Send Joan invoices to Laurie, other invoices to Paula, donations to Amelia
Straighten out with Paula that town funds for COA cannot be taken away
Remove Linda Carver from board members on COA newsletter
Add Mary Potter and Bonnie Phillips to board members on newsletter
Consolidate event resource list to share with the consortium
Announce that there will be no August lunch in the Plainfield Post
Host June 23 game afternoon with Ann
Check wth lunch attendees re. interest in Consumer Protection
Presentation
Possible reminder in newsletter of SHINE services
Reminder in newsletter of VA services
Ask for interest in a Men's Group in P Post and in COA newsletter
Ask Ruth for town senior email/phone list
Call Brian Hawthorne about better representation on Plainfield website
Find out where HVES Plainfield Needs Assessment infor was gotten
- SUE H: Send Linda Carver a thank-you card for her services
Host July 28 game afternoon with Shirley
Find out from Ellen Dupont what the survey is and schedule a flu clinic
Keep us supplied in basics such as butter, mustard and ketchup, etc.
- SHIRLEY Let Laurie Israel know we are not having an August COA lunch
and reschedule her
Host July 28 game afternoon with Sue H
- SUSAN P: Email Bonnie and Mary their SR. SERVICES updates
Host August 25 game afternoon with Bonnie
- BONNIE: Host August 25 game afternoon with Susan P
- ANN: Host July 28 game afternoonwith Polly

The meeting adjourned at 2:38

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pearson