

Minutes of the PLAINFIELD COA BOARD MEETING
Wednesday September 14, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Shirley Todd.

COORDINATOR REPORT

- Consortium met in August—not much to report. In September they will spend the meeting focused on how to save the newsletter. There will be a soft pitch to save it in the next newsletter, and the whole December issue will be focused on saving it.
- EOE funding is now for ten years and was signed by Hilary Weeks in February.
- Mary and Sue Honneus need to get sworn in. Mary and Bonnie need to get LGBT training from Polly.
- The Lady Bea boat trip was a great success—beautiful weather and a lovely lunch on board.
- Sergei’s clay workshop on 9/11 at his studio in Cummington was a success with 21 people attending, each making a mug which is now being glazed and fired.
- Polly has arranged for a combination omicron and flu clinic to be held at the fire station before our next lunch on October 12.
- ONE PLAINFIELD (Polly is on the steering committee) is working on how to spend the \$57,000 remaining from Plainfield’s grant money for Covid Relief. (The Police Department already got \$60,000.) Sandy Moran is asking for funds to restore the playground. Board members should be prepared to discuss how the COA could use funds (for events, driving, personal care, etc.) We will discuss at the October board meeting.

EVENTS FOR FALL

• LUNCHES

OCTOBER 12:	Polly:	Portuguese kale soup
	Shirley:	bread
	Mary:	salad
	Ann:	deviled eggs
	Susan H:	dessert

NOVEMBER 11—VETERANS DAY

Polly	spaghetti and meatballs
Susan P	pasta
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

GAME DAY HOSTS	September 22	Polly and maybe Bonnie
	October 27	Susan P and Ann

We will stop game days if we don't get a good response for September or October.

MASSACHUSETTS WALKS CHALLENGE

- Go online to register
- Shirley and Polly will lead walks if called

FUTURE PLANS:

- Polly suggested that we plan 1 event per month—she will bring in the notebook of places to visit so we can discuss possibilities.
- A lunch at Bascom Lodge on Mt Greylock was suggested.
- The Cummington COA will hold a BBQ on October 21 from noon to 1:30

UPDATES FOR SENIOR SERVICES FOLDERS

- Shirley delivered hers to SP.
- Other board members need to complete theirs

MISCELLANY

- Polly will write a newsletter-support letter for the October lunch.
- There is an omicron and flu shot clinic in Chesterfield this month
- MASS SAVE is willing to do a presentation after our October lunch.

THINGS TO DO

ALL MEMBERS: Services for Seniors updates to Susan P
Prepare to discuss COA uses for leftover grant funds

POLLY: Set time for omicron/flu shots at fire station on 10/12
Firm up MASS SAVE on 10/12
Bring notebook of field trips to October meeting
Host 9/22 game afternoon with Bonnie
Write newsletter-support letter for October lunch
LGBT training for Mary and Bonnie
Lead walks if asked

SUE H: Get sworn in
SHIRLEY Call Phil Alessio re November turkey and December roast
Lead walks if asked

SUSAN P: Host October 27 game afternoon with Ann

BONNIE: Host 9/22 game afternoon with Polly
Get LGBT training from Polly

MARY: Get sworn in
Get LGBT training from Polly

ANN: Host October 27 game afternoon with Susan P

HEAVY DUTY OCTOBER LUNCH: shots at fire station first
Board to discuss events and grant possibilities
MASS SAVE presentation after lunch
Newsletter-support letter passed around to sign

The meeting adjourned at 11:02.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pearson