

PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE ON AGING
MAY 11, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Director: Shawn Cohen, Assistant Director: Ronda Guberman, Sue DesRochers, Brenda Tella, Charlotte Politis, Betsy Creswell, Kathie Marsan, Kathy Pugliese*

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Joan McBain, Soni Sperduti*

MEETING WAS OPENED AT 12:00 PM by *Charlotte Politis*

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH A PRAYER by *Joan McBain*

MOTION was made by *Sue DesRochers* and seconded by *Betsy Creswell* (vote unanimous to accept the minutes of March 09, 2023)

TOWN OF PLAINVILLE TREASURER'S REPORT read by *Ronda Guberman*

MOTION made by *Kathie Marson* and seconded by *Brenda Tella* (vote unanimous to accept the report as read).

THE SENIOR CENTER STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE ENDING April 27, 2023 was read by *Ronda Guberman*

MOTION: was made by: *Sue DesRochers* and seconded by *Joan McBain* (vote unanimous to accept the report as read)

EXPENDITURES: As read: No discussion or questions.

MOTION ON EXPENDITURES: NONE

Stephanie: *Energy Assistance closes at the end of March and have done close to 80 applications

*I run 2 support groups (Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Caregiver Connections). I was emailing with one of the members of the Caregivers group and he stated " I don't speak about the family issues to many people outside the group. The group is a safe place to share when shit is flying"

*Will be doing an evening Caregiver series in the Fall

*I have been working with many families out of state/across the state to assist their loved ones who are borderline living at home.

* I have many people who stop in my office on a daily basis to check in.....there is one person who stopped in 17 times in one day.

*I love my job because it's never the same—I can be working with the police about a referral, completing applications for different programs, helping a woman who just lost her husband to getting resources for a homeless person.

DIRECTORS REPORT

A. Wish List:

- expansion of building
- more storage
- parking
- part time Social Worker (or full time if aide)

Discussion continued on statics of aging re: future amount of people who would use a Senior Center, should there be a need

B. Senior Center of the Future, bring ideas to next meeting

C. Town of Plainville budget passed

D. E. Hired FOA (Bonnie Soucy)

E. G. Need volunteers for Lions Club Picnic. We will provide salads, ice cream truck; will be inside.

- Discussion regarding upcoming programs

F. COA will host a Strawberry Shortcake Event for volunteers

- several volunteers from COA offered to help. Cutting of Strawberries on the 21st and event on June 22 at 3:30 PM: Betsy Creswell, Kathy Pugliese, Charlotte Politis, Tina Wishart, Brenda Tella and Kathy Marsan.

G. Need volunteers for Lions Club Picnic; we will provide salads; ice cream truck; will be inside.

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H. Veterans' Program – Kathleen Marsan has been helping with the Veterans Coffee Hour, keeping attendance, assisting with events. Thank You!

Plainville Wind Ensemble has provided Veterans concerts in conjunction with CCSU.

OLD BUSINESS: Will continue discussion of Wish List

NEW BUSINESS:

- Meetings will begin at 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM – starting September 14. Will help keep meetings from going over allotted time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made to adjourn at 1:15 by *Betsy Creswell*, seconded by *Kathie Marsan*.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 8, 2023

12:00 PM

ALL COA MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Minutes by Secretary: Tina Wishart and *Kathleen Marsan*