

PLAINVILLE SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE ON AGING

FEBRUARY 10, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Director Shawn Cohen, Assistant Ronda Guberman, Chair Sally Miller, Sue DesRochers, Brenda Tella, Joan McBain, Soni Sperduti, Tina Wishart, Kathy Pugliese

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marilyn Petit, Charlotte Politis, Betsy Creswell

The Meeting was opened at 12:00 p.m. by Chairperson Sally Miller.

The Meeting was opened with a prayer by Joan McBain.

MOTION was made by Sue DesRochers and seconded by Soni Sperduti to accept the minutes of the Dec. 9, 2021 COA meeting.

TOWN OF PLAINVILLE TREASURER'S REPORT was read by Joan McBain.

MOTION was made by Brenda Tella and seconded by Sue DesRochers to accept the report as read. Vote unanimous to accept.

THE SENIOR CENTER STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE ENDING Jan. 2022 was read by Ronda Guberman.

MOTION: was made by Joan McBain and seconded by Brenda Tella. Vote unanimous to accept as read.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. Income Tax – appointments are full. Only four counselors available. Referring people to VITA in Bristol or New Britain. Wait list.
- B. Budget: Submitted & met with Town Manager. Meeting went well. Another meeting in March before voting. Need to do fundraising for Dial-A-Ride as we have not been able to do DAR fundraisers for two years.
- C. Special Events: Grab & Go had 30 people. Chinese Drive Thru. 31 people signed up. Valentine program Monday with Joyce Goldberg! Chocolate drive thru. CT Historical Society doing CT Weddings. Wedding cake will be given out. Zoom available at home.

Snowshoeing or winter walk. April & May outdoor adventure events. Frisbee throw. Hike & brewery. May 17 goat party and ice cream truck. You can pet and snuggle them at Norton Park.

- D. Circle Group etc. Nurse Karen Pagliaro who left us but always kept in touch. Wrote a grant for meals to have delivered or picked up. She returned and is available to run Circle Group, Memory Café, etc. Karen will begin Feb. 17. A health & wellness group being put together with movement, nutrition, etc.
- E. Covid: Not sure after Feb. 28 state decision to unmask we were in the red zone and once out of red zone for two consecutive weeks we could unmask. That's to be decided. Friday Feb. 18th – vaccine clinic. Masks and test kits available for members. Helping seniors with getting tests through the mail.
- F. Drivers: Paul drove all through Covid. Plastic installed on the bus and no one got sick from being on the bus.

Pierre had a recent incident while driving when a huge piece of ice blew off a semi-truck and hit the windshield and crashed in and luckily, he was not injured. He was able to drive to the side and call for help. His many years of experience really paid off.
- G. Grandparents raising grandchildren: Invited here to be educated on grandparenting, with a virtual program with Fordham University and the NY Dept. of Aging. How to speak to school or nurse. Will be given certificate for completing course.
- H. Gnazzo Referral: Tommy called. Re: had a lady who was ordering the same thing every day. Noticed sign on the door, reminding herself not to drive and gave him too much money. So, Stephanie went to see her with Tommy and made referral to protective services.
- I. Affordable Housing Survey: Town looking to hear from people in town. Housing Authority list at least 4 years long. Tarrant School, Cassidy Drive and Norton Park are other options but still long wait lists.
- J. Christmas Dinner: very successful. Provided 72 meals; provided for delivery and pickup. Danielle's 30th year of doing it. A volunteer from Newington donated homemade brownies for all attendees and volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS – Need volunteers in order to open café hopefully in April. Also, meals to start when safe.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made at 1:10 p.m. by Brenda Tella, seconded by Joan McBain and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2022 at noon.

ALL COA MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Minutes by Secretary Tina Wishart.