

Minutes of the Council on Aging Meeting

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 10:30 AM The Barn

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Georgette Kinney. Present were Cory Hines, Peg Muskrat, Donna Bersch and Linda Warner. JoAnn Rock joined us at 11:00 am.

The minutes of April 12th were approved.

The “Hour of Music” at Sara’s Place on Sunday April 16th went very well and was well attended. There was a sing along at the end and the members of this committee reported that everyone did a great job.

Cory expressed reservations about us further hosting the programs at April Hill. So far only nine folks have signed up for the “Paint Out” scheduled for May 20th. A possibility of putting an ad in the Shoppers Guide for more exposure was discussed. The intention: to continue to attract our regular audience while drawing in younger people

The status of the Adult Playground units to be installed in French Park are still “on the ship” Georgette reported.

The June luncheon will take place at French Park at 12:00 PM as usual, with Indian Line Farm, Liz Keene, as the speaker. She will provide plants, flowers, herbs, etc. donated from her farm to hand out to the attendees. The next board meeting date for the COA: to be determined. There will be no COA lunches for the months of July and August.

Peg will be away the day of the next coffee hour at Mom’s on May 25th.

Georgette, Peg and JoAnn are working on details of the van through Southern Berkshire Regional School. It was noted that the drivers of the van do not have to have a special license.

Ideas for the “senior outings” for this spring, summer and beyond into next year were discussed. Georgette, Cory and Peg and other board members are working on the many possibilities. This will have to go before the Egremont Select Board before we can confirm.

Should we schedule outings once a month on a Saturday? Or more? TBD.

Dates surrounding the Jewish Holidays for 2023-2024 were discussed....to be sure as we schedule meetings/programs.

It was noted at chat/reflection time to be aware of the date of Fairview’s “Garden Gala” to take place on July 26, 2023 at Gedney Farm, honoring Smitty Pignatelli and to celebrate the emergency department staff. Smitty often attends our seniors 90th celebrations at French Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Warner