

Safe at Home Committee Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2024 3:00 pm

Meeting Place, Cook and Larder

Attendance: Joyce Ferrentino, Patti Rohrlach, Shirley Bresler, Timi Bates, Lynda Brenner, Dee Crawford, Beth Gordon, Joyce Lapenn, Natalie Kahan

Coffee Hour

August – Nina Benvenuto, new administrator of Office of the Aging. Joyce F. is the organizer, responsible for press release and flyers. Title of presentation: Caring for Those Who Cared For Us. Presentation will cover all County programs and how to apply.

September – Vine Gate Lavender Farm to do Workshop. Timi will get more info for press release, flyer and info for Town Newsletter. Info for September is due mid August. The coffee hour will feature food that uses lavender, and a design project. We will send an email to our list asking people to indicate whether they will attend. We should have an event photo to submit to Bank of Greene County because of their \$500 donation to fund our Workshops.

October – Pam Doran will speak about online scams. Beth is the responsible organizer. She will get promotional materials and a quote to Joyce F. at least one month before the presentation, if possible with a photo for the press release and flyer.

November – Franny Alexander – Title is Yoga and Other Ways to Mitigate Pain. Joyce F. is responsible person. (Note: This coffee hour is two days before Thanksgiving.)

December – Holiday Party. Need coffee urns.

Rene to invite a Coffee Hour speaker for March to talk about Hospice;
Lynda to arrange a Coffee Hour for February with a representative of the Ettinger Law Firm to talk about Wills, Trusts, Health Care Proxies, etc.

In general, the arranger for a Coffee Hour should prepare the submission for the flyer, the press release and the Town Newsletter, including a quote from the Presenter. If unable to fulfill any of those tasks, the arranger should enlist help of other committee member(s) as appropriate.

Sign-up sheets at Coffee Hours are often illegible. We will place Index Cards on tables to allow attendees to fill out attendance cards at their leisure so they can be properly entered into our data base.

School Volunteer Project

12 people submitted interest forms. Most are former teachers. Most prefer September to June schedules; some would be year-round volunteers. We were able to inject a hyperlink for signup into the Town Newsletter. Joyce F. will send thank-you notes to those who've expressed interest. Following a meeting with the school, there will be an official sign-up for the program.

Staff Funding

The SAH committee provides a stipend of \$150 to a staff assistant who sends our communications to our mailing list and assists with special projects; e.g. the printing of our Resource Guide. Special projects are typically funded through grants that provide for those special project payments. In general, this staff person is particularly helpful with many tasks without any related compensation. The Committee will ask this person to identify all the areas of their assistance and related time commitment, and will evaluate what should be the appropriate compensation.

Consumer Complaint

A user of our Resource Guide reported a negative experience with one of our listed services. Timi will follow-up with the service provider.

Wednesday Walks

We will have two volunteers to organize each Wednesday Walk. Lynda, Timi, Joyce L, Natalie, Dee and Shirley volunteered. Lynda will contact Mary Lou and Lynne to join the volunteers.

Meeting Dates

Future SAH meeting dates will be the Friday before the monthly coffee hour. Next meeting is Friday, August 23rd at 3 p.m. at Cook and Larder.