

Safe at Home Committee Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2024 3:00 pm
Meeting Place, Cook and Larder

Attendance: Joyce Ferrentino, Joyce Lapenn, Dee Crawford, Timi Bates, Natalie Kahan, Patti Rohrlich, Rene Gibson, Lynda Brenner, Lynne Colclough, Mary Lou Kersten (secretary)

December Holiday Party

December 10, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, Mt. Washington House

Kelly Sweet visited the meeting to discuss what she will do and what else is needed. She has a speaker system and will provide the beverages and food. SAH will pay for food, beverages, paper plates, cups etc. Kelly will do seasonal decorations and she has a helper for the event.

There will be no live music, Joyce F will bring CDs of holiday music. Rene is donating attractive notebooks as gifts. Joyce F will organize a gift basket for a raffle, basket will be filled with locally purchased items. There will also be a floral arrangement. Joyce F prepared the posters which will be placed after the coffee hour in November.

Coffee Hour

November – Yoga and relaxation, Franny Alexander. Joyce F organizer.

December – Holiday party

January - Decluttering and downsizing, Laura Gratz is the speaker. Joyce F organizer.

February - Estate planning and elder law. Lynda is the organizer.

March - Hopefully a “Hands On Event.” Process for finding this type of program is on going.

April – Hospice. Rene is the organizer.

Rene spoke with Dan Levy. He will speak in the spring.

Dee spoke to Camphill representative, Lawrence Klein. They are very interested in participating.

Perhaps Kelly Sweet would talk on the Mt. Washington house history.

Peter Cipkowski, June 24. Local Hillsdale history or AI

Bill Kramer – July 29. Patti is the organizer for Cipkowski and Kramer.

Joyce F suggested Thad Harshbarger, Ph.D. topic of sleep.

Newsletter

Joyce F is looking for ideas. She will include the HEAP program, real estate tax exemptions for seniors, (STAR and Enhanced STAR.)

An update on Everhome, if it is being continued

Taconic Hills School Volunteer Program

Joyce F, Rene, Joyce and Jim Lapenn met at the school on October 28th for an orientation and introduction to the program “Stories through the Generations”. This is a reading program with elementary school age children. 11 people attended the session. 5 have now signed up to volunteer. The school will review and vet those who have signed up. If accepted, will then work on timing. There will be an orientation and training. SAH will also purchase books that will have a SAH logo printed on them. This will be funded by a part of the grant.

Miscellaneous

The Committee agreed to an annual stipend of \$600.00 to Laura Griffen for a scope of services that includes data and computer management and technical services.

Next Meeting, Jan. 29, 2025, 3:00 pm, Friday
Cook and Larder