

Safe at Home Committee Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2025 3:00 pm
Meeting Place, Cook and Larder

Attendance: Joyce Ferrentino, Lynda Brenner, Patti Rohrlich, Rene Gibson, Timi Bates, Joyce Lapenn, Mary Lou Kersten

Coffee Hour

April – Hospice representative. Rene will introduce Dr. Carol Curran. Joyce F will introduce Sandra Gardner, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Taconic Hills Central School.

May – Gardening is the planned topic. Nico Hernandez, speaker. Shirley is the responsible person.

June -Peter Cipkowski, June 24. Topic is Artificial Intelligence, Patti is the responsible person.

July – Bill Kramer, CEO of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The topic will be The State of the Film Industry. Patti is the organizer.

August – Dan Levy, Building a passive home. Rene, organizer. Joyce F spoke with him. She will get photo of him standing in front of his house for the poster.

September – Topic is the importance of human contact and the benefit of physical touch, therapeutic touch. Rene will speak with Caroline Wheeler of Pumpkin Hollow for possible speakers.

October – Music. Timi asked Cheryl Jones and Steve Livingston to participate. They agreed.

November – Possibly Thad Harshbarger, PhD, on the topic of sleep. Joyce F to follow through.

December – Holiday Party

Suggested topics for future coffee hours: Recognizing the signs of a stroke and what to do.

Mission Statement

The revised mission statement has to be approved by the Hillsdale Town Board prior to publishing on the town's website. Robina will ask Mike Dvorak to add it to the agenda for the next Town Board regular meeting on May 20.

Wednesday Walks

Walks started up again April 16. There have not been many participants. We need to continue getting the word out. There was a good article in the Columbia Paper with a photo. Lynda set up a monthly committee participation schedule. First week: Timi and Lynda. Second week: Patti and Mary Lou. Third week: Joyce L and Dee. Fourth week: Joyce L and Dee.

Memorial Day Parade Participation

Committee decided to not participate in this year's event.

Taconic Hills School Volunteer Program

We will hold a "thank you" luncheon to recognize the volunteers. Anthony of Cook and Larder said it could take place at Cook and Larder. Joyce F will confirm the best day in the first week of June with Sandra Gardner. It will be a Monday or Tuesday. Joyce will write up thank you notes to the teachers involved and Sandra will distribute them. Rene has small Safe At Home stickers that can be added to the thank you notes.

Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Three committee members participated on March 19.

Full compliance in taking these classes is strongly encouraged.

Energy Fair in Hillsdale

Joyce F will email Jamie Carano Nordenstrom to find out exactly how she would like the Safe at Home Committee to participate. So far we have not been able to get any information regarding this activity. The email to Jamie will be cc'd to all the Safe At Home committee members.

Miscellaneous

Beth Gordon, a committee member, wrote that she will no longer be able to participate in Safe At Home as an active member due to her work and other time constraints.

Next Meeting, May 23, 2025, 3:00 pm, Friday Cook and Larder