

COLRAIN COUNCIL ON AGING

Minutes for meeting on August 26, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Chair Janice Barnes.

Attending members: Valeda Peters, Elaine Stanley, Amy J. Herzig, Rusty Barnes, Kathy Steinum, Michelle F. Hillman, Susan Slowinski, Janice Barnes, Kathy Phelps, Richard R. Herzig

Treasure's report: none

Donations: 7/23/24 – foot clinic \$ 64.00  
7/30/24 – foot clinic 90.00  
\$154.00

Bills: 7/23/24 - Piper Sagan - \$ 495.00 (foot clinic=11)  
7/30/24 – Piper Sagan - 730.00 (foot clinic=16)  
8/07/24– Pine Hill - 61.00 (social time)  
8/08/24 – ice cream - 100.05 (Rusty)  
8/14/24 – meal - 1189.00 (Pine Hill picnic)  
8/21/24 – concert - 200.00 (military band)  
8/21/24 – senior food - 193.00 (firemen's food)  
\$2968.05

We discussed the price that Pine Hill charged for our picnics. Janice will talk to Brady about cost concerns. It was agreed that in the future, any function will provide an itemized pricing, which will be brought to the committee to be voted on. Amy made the motion and Elaine seconded, and unanimously approved. Also, it was agreed that the committee should have the amount of money starting the fiscal year, and the balance at the end of each month.

Foot clinic: Janice will cover tomorrow. The fire department has begrudgingly allowed us, the tax-paying seniors, the use of the station for August and September for our foot clinic. Booking for October will continue.

Kathy S. noted there is no expense for pickleball, as Elizabeth has provided the equipment and instructions on how to play. Kathy S. gave Elizabeth a gift certificate for the time she has given. It was brought to our attention that gifts cannot come out of the COA.

Motion made by Rusty to cancel ice cream social due to the Town Line closing on August 29. Elaine seconded. Unanimously approved.

COA meeting with Diana Parsons on September 9 at 2:00 pm regarding a place for seniors to use/meet. Hopefully, she'll be able to enlighten us if people living in another town but paying taxes on land in Colrain that they own are entitled to the perks.

The committee decided we would continue with coffee hour from 11-12 at the Eagles before dinner. And Richie made a motion to discontinue the gift certificates till further vote. Michelle seconded. Unanimously approved.

It was decided not to go forward with Cookies for Seniors as there were too many allergic concerns. Suggestions of a senior "open house" as a possibility. Looking for ideas. Discussion where to store the COA's tent.

Apple Day on September 9 will allow one bag of pick-your-own apples per household.

Sand for seniors was discussed and agreed that it should be neighbor-helping- neighbor with getting sand. Anyone who is getting sand should be able to get a pail full for their neighbor. And they could go the extra mile and spread the sand on their neighbors' walks.

Richie made the motion to adjourn the meeting @ 3:35 pm. Kathy P. seconded. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Stanley, Secretary