

Age-Friendly Community Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2023
5:30 p.m.

- I. Leroy Walker, Frank and Diana Pippin, Jan Biron, Cindy Larrabee, Diane Vincent, Sally Gagnon, Tina and Bill Eugley, Belinda Gerry, Ben Weisner, Donna Wallace, Mamie Ney, Bob Cavanagh, Dana Morrell and Renee Bucknell, ARD Rep.
- II. Review of October 10, 2023 Minutes. Motion by Cindy Larrabee to accept. Second by Diane Vincent. All in favor.
- III. Potato Give-Away – December 6th, potatoes will be delivered to the senior center. \$5,000.00 will be paid by the City of Auburn.
- IV. Hello-Ween – Event went very well. Over 900 attendees. A lot of candy was given away. Dollar General and the Auburn Recreation Department gave us candy to give away. We didn't spend anything. Comfort dogs were present as well.
- V. The Age-Friendly Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 23rd. We have 68 signed up but are expecting more. PAL will not give away any dinners this year. We will purchase canned carrots this year. No prep! Potatoes and gravy will be provided by The Station Restaurant. A sign up has been given to PAL. They will attend our meal.
- VI. Food Drive is going well. Dollar General gave us 4 boxes of dry goods to be given to Hope Haven.
- VII. New Year's Day Event – Monday 1/1/24. Finger rolls, chips, pickles, olives, beverages and dessert will be served. Donations only.
- VIII. The answer to the question, "Should we have a Christmas event", was No.
- IX. Movies: Thanksgiving movie will be shown on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 "An Old Fashioned Thanksgiving". The Christmas movie will be held on December 19th, "Christmas Vacation".
- X. Open Session
 - A. Phil Crowell has been asked if we can increase the number of Age-Friendly board members to 15 from 13. We currently have 13 members. The council will vote on increasing the membership by 2 people.
 - B. Bean Supper – Saturday may be cancelled because of weather. The American Legion is thinking of having a breakfast instead on December 3 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Age-Friendly will still fund the event.
 - C. Send a thank you note to Dollar General for the Halloween candy, Thanksgiving food and Christmas toys.
 - D. Larry Pelletier mentioned that Lottie and Charlie Wyman live on Vivian Street. Charlie recently passed away. Vivian needed someone to snow blow the driveway. Larry found someone to do it for her.
 - E. Renee asked if we need a sign-up for the New Year's Day Event. Yes. She also asked about our Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day Events.
 - F. November 11th Veteran's Day – Leroy spoke at Veteran's Memorial Park in Lewiston. They had no power for the microphones. No one could hear anything. Jerry DeWitt called us to tell us to come get jackets and canned goods for indigent

people. They dispersed everything to organizations to be given away. Leroy called Paul Bernard to let him know that he had gotten cases of peanut butter and jam which the homeless love to receive. Paul Bernard makes sandwiches and hands them out twice a week. They prefer the peanut butter and jam the best. The seniors will be asked to bring in peanut butter and jam during December.

- G. A lot of fund raisers are going on all over. A flyer was passed out for wreaths, softball tournament, auction, GoFundMe pages, etc. Interstate Battery raised \$24,000.00 for the softball tournament.
- H. Saturday, December 9th, there will be a book sale at the Auburn Library from Maine Authors. They will donate part of their proceeds. Mamie reported that the sale will be held at 10 different libraries so far!
- XI. Adjournment at 6:15 p.m. on a motion by Cindy Larrabee. Second by Larry Pelletier. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Biron
Secretary