

Connections
Membership Meeting – First Presbyterian Church
October 19, 2021
Attendees: 37

Donna welcomed everyone and showed the members where to find parking information for the meeting on the *Connections* website.

The revised *Policies and Procedures* and *Constitution* were sent to members ahead of the meeting. The major change is the creation of two separate secretary positions (Membership and Recording), replacing one. Members voted unanimously to accept the changes.

Donna will host a President's lunch in November for all activity chairs. The slate of officers for 2022 was announced: Janet Daly, President; Margie Battaglia, 1st Vice President, Brenda Brunelle, 2nd Vice President, Deb Reale for membership Secretary and Linda Bakian for Recording Secretary. Lee Atieh will remain as Treasurer. The slate will be voted on at the December meeting. Donna gave an update on the Midland Park Senior Center. Services there are very limited and currently game playing is not allowed and masks must be worn. Game playing is allowed at the Church and some activities are taking place there now.

Carolyn Seibel outlined the next few trips that her committee are planning: the Metropolitan Museum of Art (NYC) on December 9. Members will view the *Christmas tree and Neapolitan Creche* and the exhibit *In America: A Lexicon of Fashion*. There will be room for 40 members. After two weeks the trip will be opened to non-members if not enough members sign up. The price will include transportation, museum entrance fee and lunch. Lunch will be in NJ at Madeleine's Petit Paris restaurant in Northvale. Other trips being planned include January 28 to the Harmony Tea Room in Westwood; March, an historic home tour and lunch at the Culinary Institute; April, Bucks County Playhouse, and lunch at the Lambertville Station; May, a Brooklyn pizza tour and June, the Philadelphia Flower show.

New members were introduced by Margie Battaglia: Oksana Sobolta, Pat Boyko, Margaret Garfield, and Sheila Weber.

In Lee Atieh's absence, Donna gave the Treasurer's report. At the end of September *Connections* had \$10,930 in its treasury to support programming and member activities.

The guest speaker was Sheila Brogan. Sheila is a Ridgewood Board of Education member, geriatric social worker, Ridgewood Historical Society Board member, Citizens' Safety Committee Liaison, and Founder of Age Friendly Ridgewood. She engaged the attendees in a series of fun brain games.