

COA Minutes - April 10, 2024

Meeting called to order at 11:15 AM

Present: Polly Ryan, Coordinator; Shirley Todd; Bonnie Phillips; Mary Potter

Board unanimously approved the minutes for the March 13, 2024, meeting.

No one has yet reserved a van seat for the April 26th trip to the Susan B. Anthony Museum in Adams. The van will leave Town Hall at 9:30, get there at 10 AM, and will be back in Plainfield by 2:30PM. We need to announce this during today's luncheon to remind people to sign up.

Polly attended the Consortium meeting. The Tech Connect Fair, the fate of the COA newsletter, and the new MassHealth Medicare Savings Program were discussed. Funding for the newsletter will end in June and, since there are no other funds, the July print edition will be the last one. The Consortium will fund a digital one for the remainder of 2024. The Medicare Savings Program no longer takes assets into account. Now, if a single person has monthly income below \$2,824 or a married couple's monthly income is below \$3,833, they are eligible to have Medicare part B refunded to their Social Security checks.

Polly also attended the MCOA grant writing workshop which was very informative.

The Multigenerational Sharing Club did not generate any inspirational ideas so we will stop advertising it. However, ideas are always welcome.

Denise Sessions has agreed to propose the idea of seniors and 5th and 6th graders at Sanderson Academy becoming pen pals to teachers when classes resume in the fall.

Seniors will visit Sanderson Academy on May 17th for a concert and lunch with the children. Polly will see about getting the van. We need to announce this trip at today's luncheon and get people to sign up.

Peace Haven Farm in Plainfield has invited seniors to a demonstration of horsemanship and horse dancing on June 8th. There will be demonstrations, tour of the stables, and information on horse behavior and psychology. Lunch will be provided by the COA through the HVES \$350 grant to reduce isolation.

Polly is in the process of arranging a Pub116 luncheon in June. Burt Marshall will provide musical entertainment.

Programming:

Future luncheons

May: Meat Loaf - Polly; scalloped potatoes - Mary; coleslaw - Bonnie; veggie - Shirley; pies - Sue

June: Pub 116 will serve pizza and salad.

July: Hot dogs and hamburgers

Polly would like ideas for spending the \$600 HVES grant for multigenerational activities in the month of June. The idea of an ice cream social was proposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Potter