

COA MINUTES - MAY 8, 2024

Meeting called to order at 11:28 AM

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

Unanimously approved April 10, 2024, minutes

Ten participants enjoyed the April 26th trip to the Susan B. Anthony Museum in Adams. Lunch followed at the Daily Grind in Adams.

Consortium members got an update about the great success of the Tech Connect program at the last meeting. Future programs and events were discussed. Florence Savings Bank has been doing presentations on scams. Polly will arrange to have someone talk on the topic to our group.

Shirley volunteered to meet with Denise Sessions, Sanderson Academy School Secretary, about setting up a Pen Pal program between students and seniors. Denise will also finalize plans for the Senior Lunch at the school on May 17th.

Peace Haven Farm in Plainfield will give us a demonstration of horsemanship and horse dancing on June 8th. Lunch will be provided through the HVES reduce isolation grant and will be catered by the Chesterfield General Store.

The COA lunch on June 12th will be at Pub 116. Pizza, chicken wings, and salad will be served. Burt Marshall will provide the entertainment.

On June 27th, Jennifer Lee will teach a multigenerational basket making workshop, using techniques that will produce a Northeast Woodland Indigenous style basket. The workshop, snacks, and ice cream will be funded by a \$600 HVES grant.

Plainfield resident Lee Locke-Hardy has generously volunteered to provide tech support every 3rd Thursday of each month, starting May 16th, at the Plainfield library during library hours, 5:00-8:00 PM.

On May 20th, 9:00-11:00, Tech Foundry's Tech Hub from Holyoke will provide drop-in tech support at the Town Hall. From 11:00-12:00 they will give a presentation on internet scams and identity protection.

Polly asked for ideas to apply for a MCOA SIG grant. The deadline for filing an intent to bid is May 8th (today).

Future Luncheons

June - Pub 116 (details above)

July - Hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls - Polly; potato salad - Mary; coleslaw - Shirley; macaroni salad - Bonnie; dessert - Sue

We already do Grab and Go Meals with Cummington two Tuesdays a month. We could do it here in Plainfield as well or investigate increasing the frequency and/or getting lunches delivered here. Someone would need to coordinate this.

Berkshire Botanical Garden would be a possible destination for a summer trip. Polly will arrange the details.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Potter

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