

## Leyden COA Minutes, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1:07 by Chris Maguire

Present: Becky King, Chris Maguire, Annie Garvey, Linda Allis, Merry Lein

Chris moved to accept October minutes, Becky seconded.

Review of last week's lunch: Amy was not present at meeting to provide statistics. Our December meal was very well attended and the musicians much enjoyed. Tables were filled to capacity; David LeBlanc and Craig Manning, musicians, also attracted some of their own friends to the concert/luncheon. We will consider organizing a similar program next December.

Big Y transportation service update: Leyden is not aligned with Bernardston to be able to share the free service available to Bernardston seniors. Leyden residents seeking public transportation to Big Y and elsewhere can utilize FRTA Direct Access services. Information about how this transportation service operates will be included in the next Leyden Life.

Michelle Giarusso, Town Coordinator, received a grant enabling Leyden to share services with Bernardston. Michelle will attend a future meeting to discuss grant and join in discussion of possible future collaboration between Leyden and Bernardston COA's.

Luncheon speaker ideas brainstormed. Possibilities include the wildlife rescue Leyden resident who was recently featured in the Recorder, the director of the Museum of Our Industrial Heritage in Greenfield (recommended by Deb Campbell, COA volunteer), a panel of Leyden residents who grew up in town who would be willing to share memories and early experiences.

Foot Clinic: Linda reported increased numbers of residents currently attending. Linda will ask Piper, foot clinic RN, to write up a paragraph describing the care she is able to provide at the clinic. The COA will explore subsidizing the cost of treatment for those attending the foot clinic.

Annie raised question of availability of Funeral Planning Books to Leyden residents. Locations where they can be picked up will be noted in Leyden Life.

Annie discussed COA program that would involve streaming of Being Mortal at Town Office community room, to be followed by a group discussion of the film. Merry will assist with this program and she will talk with Glenn Caffery about the process of setting up the donated TV with a capacity to stream the film, and report back at our next meeting. We will need to obtain a stand for the TV, and this will be discussed with Michelle.

Next Foot Clinic February 3, monthly luncheon January 8, COA meeting January 14.

Chris motioned to adjourn; Becky seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:55.

