

Concord Carlisle Adult and Community Education Advisory Minutes

Jan 18, 2018

Members present: Marla, Stuart, Rose, Ron, Carol, Claudia, Kristen, Jill, Christine

Director's report: Registrations are strong across all program areas. We received \$363.47 in donation from the Concord Bookshop giftwrapping. We are working on our spring and summer offerings.

Schedule2Drive is up and running and students are scheduling their own driving lessons. We have two new Ford Focuses ordered, providing Ford goes forward with production on the 2018 model.

We are working with CCTV on some promotions. Stefanie interviewed Claudia about Armchair Travel and also Dennis Shafer, music instructor, about an upcoming faculty/student concert.

Armchair Travel – all open dates are now filled and Claudia has assistants lined up. Stefanie will also be on site for the 3 sessions at CCHS.

Concord Bookshop Window – We have the window beginning February 26th and will highlight the forum. Marla offered to help set up. Jill will contact Julie to see if she is still willing to help. Ron offered to help take it down.

SPRING FORUM – Jill and Claudia will meet with Ethan Hoblitzelle on Monday to confirm his participation as moderator.

Conference call with panelists and moderator will be established. Claudia to initiate this. After this, Jill will circulate some draft marketing materials, in the hopes of having them finalized by our next meeting.

We discussed a basic structure – Jill will welcome everyone, introduce moderator, moderator will introduce topic and panelists. Each panelist will speak for 5-7 min, Ethan will start discussion with directed questions to panelists and then open up to audience.

Moderator will ask How many regularly communicate with others with opposite opinions? How do we communicate different perspectives: how can we learn to talk civilly, agreeing to disagree, and eventually find common ground.

How do you participate in a conversation with opposing ideas on immigration, climate change, responsibility of the US to help broken countries?

How would you approach a conversation about opposing topics so that each participant can learn from the exchange rather than argue about the topic?

The moderator will be mindful that we are not debating a particular issue – climate change – but how to have these conversations with someone who doesn't share your viewpoint.

Overall, forum planning is moving along and we will start our marketing push for a goal of 200 participants in February.