

Bus Tour Committee Meeting
Feb 11, 2017
Palisade Public Library
Chair: Alfreda Algeo

Meeting begins at 12:15pm

Present:

Susan Smith
Melisa Boyles
Bob Korver
Paula Rohr
Kristin Nielsen
Lee Ann Nielsen – via web conference

1. Establish bus tour company
2. Accommodations
 - a. Prepare for individuals who have canes/ walkers
 - b. Provide water and snacks for bus
 - c. Better PA System for buses
 - d. More time at farms, not being as rushed
 - i. Regardless of time set aside, may never be enough
3. One bus of about 20-30 people to go to North Fork area
 - a. Need to bring in the Western Slope area not just Grand Junction / Palisade area
 - b. Smaller group, allows for more intimate setting
 - c. Spend day in that area then return to GJT area at end of day
4. Call for farms who want to take part in tour on Friday
5. Two buses for culinary tour, ½ day
 - a. Same as last year, go in two different directions but visit same farms at different times
 - b. The lunch will take place at the farm individuals are at
 - c. Longer time at farms
 - i. Could cause less farms to be on tour
 - d. Provide more communication in what culinary items farms are going to be show casing
 - i. Not realistic to separate alcohol vs non- alcohol themes
6. Farm tour
 - a. Who wants to be involved
7. Requirements
 - a. Liability
 - b. Parking for bus
 - c. Restrooms
 - d. Lavender product
 - e. Staffing to meet population
 - i. Preferred options
 1. Seating at farms
 2. Shade
8. Need feedback at end of tours from clients as well as farms
9. More volunteers on committee
 - a. Seek caters for lunch

- b. Tour guides
 - i. Need 5 guides
 - ii. Susan Smith volunteers to be a guide
 - iii. Ask Lida, Susan Smith and Cheri to be guides again
 - 1. Survey's loved the guides from the past
- c. Help with the planning
- d. Volunteer at farms
 - i. Seek master gardeners as done from the past
 - ii. CMU students?

Meeting adjourns at 1:35pm