

Progressive Referral Group
Thursday, January 20, 2022
Deb's Corner Café

President: David Weber
Vice President: Dave Young
Treasurer: Jesse Hamilton
Secretary: Cheryl Barber

Members Present: Greg -American Eagle Mortgage, Brenda-APG Media, Jennifer-Buckeye Bed Bug Detection, Don-Connexion West, Denise-Country Lane Gardens, Kim-FAIRHOPE Hospice, Rich-Hall's Culligan Water, Dawn-Interim Health, Cheryl-Lancaster/Fairfield County Chamber, Dave-Minuteman Press, Jeff-MMA Insurance Health Benefits, Amanda-MMA Insurance Personal Lines, David-National Telemed Solutions, Kasey-Ruff & Associates, Colleen-Taylor Rental Party Plus, Julie -The Ridge at Lancaster, Bruce-Tubaugh Remodeling, Bill-UrPCHelp, Jon-Wild Land Tree Care, Rachel-WLOH Guests: Garrett Blevins & Tiffany Nash-Fairfield County EMA, Mike Sweeney-Hall's Culligan Water, Jess Bowers-Rise Realty

Treasurer's Report: \$6691.90.

Referrals Given: 8

Talked to someone as a result of a referral: 3

Discussed PRGL with someone outside the group: 8

New Business:

- Discussion was brought up about not having a meeting during fair week in 2022. The meeting of fair week in 2021 did not have many in attendance, as a lot of members have displays at the fair.
- A motion for PRGL to not meet on October 13,2022 was made by Bruce, second by Denise. All approved. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- David gave the results for the email vote to approve membership applications for Connexion West and Skycharge Solar. 26 out of 32 members voted to approve their membership. Welcome Connexion West and Skycharge Solar to PRGL.
- Discussion was brought off the table in regard to donating to either the LHS Theatrical Department or purchase a brick in honor of Dee Conrad for her years of service to PRGL as Treasurer. A motion to donate \$50 to the LHS Theatrical Department in honor of Dee was made by Jennifer, second by Bruce. All approved. Motion carried.
- Discussion was brought off the table about Invoicing PRGL members who bring guests to a meeting so the group can be reimbursed. Motion to approve invoicing to members for guests was made by Bruce, second by Jon. All approved. Motion carried.
- A revised membership application was received from CJ in regard to changing his current membership from UPick2Rent to Focus Realty and Management LLC. Motion to approve the revised membership application was made by Bruce, second by Brenda. All approved. Motion carried.

Acknowledgements:

- Denise thanked Dawn

Announcements:

- Karlee announced that Deb has decided that the group can no longer order omelets, as cost for an omelet, drink and a side were more than the \$11 we are charged. Karlee will work with you in finding something comparable to the omelet you have been used to ordering.
- Amanda Barnes with MMA Insurance Personal Lines will be our new member speaker next week.

**Speakers: Tiffany Nash-Planning Specialist and Garrett Blevins- Operations Manager,
Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security**

Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security have 3 full-time and 1 part-time employees.

EMA is responsible for preparedness across the county to have first responders ready to respond to a disaster.

Flooding is the biggest challenge in this area, especially Buckeye Lake area. EMA provides disaster training drills for fire departments, police, sheriff and all first responders.

During Covid- they were involved with the Fairfield County Health Department in coordinating vaccine clinics and PP for businesses.

EMA also oversees the **SOT** (special operations team) that includes HAZMAT and Dive-Rescue teams. They are also involved with preparing emergency plans for events like the Lancaster Festival, Luke Bryant concert and other big events.

Another part of EMA is the **LEPT**: Local Emergency Planning Team- this team works with businesses that produces or handles hazardous chemicals.

Opportunities to volunteer and get involved with EMA:

CERT: Community Emergency Response Team- trained volunteers to help during emergencies. Contact EMA for information if you would like to volunteer.

MRC: Medical Reserve Corp-volunteers with medical backgrounds who helped with vaccine clinics and also do CPR/AED training for the CERT team.

Healthcare Coalition: group that organizes health care preparedness activities and response coordination.

Tiffany reviewed with the group about how businesses need to have a Continuity of Business Plan-what do you need to maintain continuation of operations during a disaster. Do you have a succession plan? What do you do if your building is not usable? What about your business records? Are they accessible? She also reviewed emergency preparedness in your home and business and things to plan for in case of a flood, tornado, severe weather. See flyer attached for some emergency supply lists and the continuity of business plan forms.

Additional forms may also be found at:

<https://www.ready.gov/publications>

Garret and Tiffany discussed ALERT FAIRFIELD, which is an alert you receive either via a phone call or text message when a disaster or weather emergency is in your area. You can sign up to receiver alerts on their website: www.fairfieldema.com

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Barber, Secretary of PRGL