

Meeting Minutes
Progressive Referral Group
Thursday, July 21, 2022
Deb's Corner Café

President: Dave Young

Vice President: Brenda Carney

Treasurer: Jesse Hamilton

Secretary: Cheryl Barber

Members Present: Greg-American Eagle Mortgage, Brenda-APG Media, Jessica-Bruce Chiropractic, Kent-Buckeye Automotive, Don-Connexion West, Ron—Fairfield Financial Solutions, Tim-FAIRHOPE Hospice, Carissa-Focus Realty & Mgmt.-Property Mgmt., Bryan-Focus Realty & Mgmt.-Real Estate, Joy-Friendly Bremen Bank, AJ-Halteman Fett & Dyer, Dawn-Interim Healthcare, Cheryl-Lancaster-Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce, Dave Y-Minuteman Press, Jeff-MMA Insurance Health Benefits, Amanda-MMA Insurance Personal Lines, David-National Telehealth Solutions, Jesse-Ruff & Associates, Jon-Wildland Tree Care. Guest: Jason Hammond-Hammond Landworx

Treasurer's Report: \$5765.46 1 outstanding invoice

Referrals Given: 11

Talked to someone as a result of a referral: 5

Discussed PRGL with someone outside the group: 12

New Business:

- Quorum met with 19 members present.
- Motion to approve the July 7th meeting minutes was made by Kent, seconded by Amanda. All approved. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the July 14th meeting minutes was made by David, seconded by Dawn. All approved. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the July 14th Treasurer's report was made by Amanda, seconded by David. All approved. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the July 21st Treasurer's report was made by Brenda, seconded by Don. All approved. Motion carried.

- **Old Business:**

- No old business

- **Announcements:**

- The Perry County Ohio Housing Coalition is hosting a Ticket Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Rose Community Center - New Lexington, Ohio. Proceeds benefit the Coalition efforts to fight homelessness in Perry County.
- Buckeye Automotive will have a hospitality tent at the Saturday night concerts at OU-L for the Lancaster Festival. Stop in if you are attending the concerts.
- FAIRHOPE Hospice will have an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 4th from 11a.m.- 1p.m. All are invited to attend.

- **Acknowledgements:**

- No acknowledgements this week.

Speaker: Jeff Metzger-MMA Insurance Health Benefits

Jeff discussed the MEWA (Multiple Employer Welfare Association) Health Insurance plan that can benefit small employers to offer health insurance for their employees as well as themselves at an affordable rate.

When Obama Care was introduced, businesses that were in a group, lost their current insurance and what coverage they were able to get, could not be used. These groups started to look at ways to get affordable health insurance. A small pool was formed to focus on businesses with 2-50 employees, which is known today as the MEWA Plan. Businesses must be a member of a participating chamber of commerce to be eligible for this cost saving plan, as the State of Ohio Department of Insurance requires proof of membership. Employers may also be eligible to write-off some of the health care expenses on their taxes. Consult with your accountant for that possibility.

Jeff mentioned that health insurance premiums are due to increase for personal insurance, as the ACA (Affordable Care Act) has not been extended yet for 2023. He also touched on Medicare for those turning 65. Please be cautious when you see commercials about being eligible for plans. When you call those numbers, you may be setting yourself up for cancellation of your current Medicare plans. Always talk to a local agent if you have questions. Jeff can be reached at MMA Insurance (614) 834-6624.

Respectfully submitted by
Cheryl Barber, Secretary of PRGL