

Meeting Minutes

Progressive Referral Group

Thursday, August 4, 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, Denise-Country Lane Gardens, Ron-Fairfield Financial Solutions, Tim-FAIRHOPE Hospice, Carissa-Focus Realty & Mgmt.-Property Mgmt., Sean-Focus Realty & Mgmt.-Real Estate, Joy-Friendly Bremen Bank, Rich-Hall's Culligan Water, Dawn-Interim Healthcare, Kristi-Lancaster Camp Ground, 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, Colleen-Taylor Rental, Julie-The Ridge at Lancaster, Jon-Wildland Tree Care, Mark-WLOH-The Wolf

Treasurer's Report: \$5609.46

Referrals Given: 13

Talked to someone as a result of a referral: 11

Discussed PRGL with someone outside the group: 15

New Business:

- Quorum met with 23 members present.
- Motion to approve the July 21st 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 August 4th Treasurer's report was made by Jeff, seconded by Mark. All approved. Motion carried.

- **Old Business:**
- No old business

- **Announcements:**
- Please keep former PRGL member Doug Valesko and his family in your thoughts and prayers, as Doug is at the end-of life stage. **NOTE:** as of the typing of the minutes, we received information that Doug passed early Friday morning.
- School supply drive being held at The Ridge of Lancaster from August 1st thru August 31st. Any school supplies are appreciated and can be dropped off at The Ridge.
- Do you own a dog? Bring him or her to The Ridge at Lancaster on August 10th from 11-1, to socialize with the residents. Dog treats and doggie ice cream will be available for the pups.
- 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.
- Chamber ribbon cutting: Monday, August 15th: 4:30 p.m.- American Red Cross of South & Central Ohio-opening of new office in Lancaster-828 N. Memorial Drive.
- Chamber ribbon cutting: Wednesday, August 24th: 11:30 a.m.- Mod Pizza Grand Opening and ribbon cutting. The Wolf will be broadcasting live and a toy drive for Toys for Tots of Fairfield County will all be part of the festivities. The first 50 people in line for the opening, will receive a free pizza.

- **Acknowledgements:**
- Amanda thanked Kent at Buckeye Toyota and Fairfield Heating & Cooling

Speaker: Toys for Tots of Fairfield County-TaRonda Curry & Michelle Cooper

Toys for Tots Fairfield County is in their first year of getting started here in Lancaster, and TaRonda is excited to announce that the River Valley Mall has donated space for them to use in the former Sears store. Last year, the Franklin County Toys For Tots served over 40,000 children, which included those from Fairfield County.

This year, local parents will be able to receive toys for their children at Christmas from Fairfield County Toys for Tots. Parents may fill out an application, beginning in October, on their website (<https://fairfield-oh.toysfortots.org>) to receive toys for their children ages 0-17, as well as any child with disabilities. The Toys for Tots model is for each child to receive 2 larger toys along with some smaller toys for stocking stuffers.

TaRonda and Michelle started marketing and getting the campaign up and running in June of 2022, trying to get the word out about the program now being here in Fairfield County.

All money raised for the campaign, stays local, and is used to buy toys to serve local children. Volunteers are welcome to apply to be a shopper. A donor recently sent 30 pallets of Lego sets to be used this Christmas, and they plan to have a "bike drive" later in the year. Currently, they are looking for volunteers to help sort and categorize the donated toys that are in the Sears store. If you know of anyone looking to volunteer, please reach out to TaRonda.

To help raise money, Toys for Tots Fairfield County is having a golf outing on October 2nd at Pine Hill Golf Course. \$75 per person/with lunch from Barrel & Boar. Hole sponsors for the event will receive their logo on the back of the t-shirt given out that day. If you would like to be a sponsor or volunteer, please email TaRonda at toysfortots.fairfieldoh@gmail.com

Toys For Tots will be having a toy drive at the Mod Pizza grand opening on August 24th. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the ribbon cutting/grand opening that begins at 11:30 a.m., and you can register to win free pizza for a year. You may also hold a toy drive at your business, by placing a Toys For Tots box in your lobby or office area. For more information on setting up a toy drive, please email TaRonda at toysfortots.fairfieldoh@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted by
Cheryl Barber, Secretary of PRGL