

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Progressive Referral Group**  
**Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Deb's Corner Cafe**

President: Dawn Walker  
Vice President: Rich Hawkins  
Treasurer: Jesse Hamilton  
Secretary: Mark Bohach

**Members Present:** Greg- American Eagle Mortgage. Brenda APG Media, Jessica- Bruce Chiropractic, Denise- Country Lane Gardens, Ron- Fairfield Financial Solutions, Dawn- Fairhope Hospice, Michelle- Friendly Bremen Banking Center, Shyann- Home Instead, Cheryl- Lanc Chamber, David- National Telehealth Solutions, Jesse- Ruff and Associates, Colleen- Taylor Rental Party Plus, Bill- UR PC Help, Mark- WLOH Radio

**Treasurer's Report: \$5,183.84 One outstanding Invoice**

Treasurers Report approval for 8-10-23, 8-17-23, 8-24-23 All approved as a single action.  
Motion- David W Second- Brenda Motion Carried

**Referrals Given: 7**

**Talked to someone as a result of a referral: 4**

**Discussed PRGL with someone outside the group: 1**

**New Business:**

- None

**Old Business:**

- None

**Announcements:**

- Ribbon Cutting- Hometown Apparel Tuesday 9-5-23 4PM
- Grand Reopening and Ribbon Cutting- The Henry Manor Thursday 9-7-23 4PM
- Wine Vines and Fall Times- Thursday 9-7-23 at Hocking Hills Winery to benefit FairHoPe Hospice
- Business After Business Thursday 9-21-23 at Tiki Lanes Bring the whole family.
- Fairfield County Senior Expo- Friday 8-25-23 10-3 at the Fairgrounds.

**Acknowledgments**

- Brenda thanked Dawn and David for help with Senior Expo.

**Speaker: Jonette Haberfeld – Fairfield County Visitors Bureau**

Tourism in Fairfield County is at record levels in 2023. The tourism impact has been slowly increasing year over year. By inviting visitors to the county, local citizens see a savings of \$664 per year in their taxes and other costs.

They are working with the Fairfield County Heritage Assn on the Square 13 walking tour- audio guided tours are available by downloading the Visit Fairfield County App. There is also an app for Buckeye Lake- many new opportunities have sprung up at the lake since the dam was rebuilt.

The Visitors Bureau also publishes a printed visitor guide annually every April. They also maintain a website and social media sites. They promote Fairfield County all over the state.

Fairs and festivals are very popular. Artwalk drew an estimated 18,000 people. Wands and Wizards drew approximately 17,000. Upcoming events include the Trail of Scarecrows this Fall. We have a shortage of hotel rooms for these events.

The Visitors Bureau offices will be moving to the old Wells Fargo building on North Broad Street. The Destination Downtown Lancaster offices will be moving there also.

Respectfully submitted by  
Mark Bohach, Secretary of PRGL