

CCREA Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2024

Board Updates/Comments:

1. Our Goal from the Annual Board Meeting is to stay within budget even though membership is lower than required. To do this we would like to increase membership if possible and solicit donations for various events (if you know someone or a business that we could reach out to please let us know. We could allow a business to speak for a few minutes to advertise at the meeting.
2. Sam Heaton will meet with the County Manager on January 22 to discuss stipend increase. Results will be reported at the February CCREA meeting. A pension COLA request will not be pursued until the Pension Fund is at least 75% funded.
3. We will continue to provide quality speakers and events for the members. Ideas included another eating event, speakers on Travel, Politics, health related items, Chairwoman Cupid or County Manager, Scams, Senior Services update with upcoming classes, etc. Upcoming speakers are pending.
4. Annual Audits completed for FY21 and FY22. THANK YOU, Dan Streett! Needing FY23 done and looking for an interested accountant to assist.

Announcements:

1. Encourage members to utilize Cobb Senior Services - classes include Medicare 101, Estate Planning, Diabetes Information, and many more.
2. Next month – Pizza party from Mellow Mushroom has been sponsored! Please join us. Early voting at the West Cobb Senior location may affect parking during February and March, so please have the expectation that you may need to park further from the building.
3. The Cobb Veteran's Memorial foundation is holding a fund-raiser to support the construction of a memorial near the Central Aquatic Center on Fairground St. Information on the project may be found online here:
<https://cobbveteransmemorial.com/>

Presentation:

Johnny Barfield from Senior Services provided an in-depth look at the alternatives to cable TV with his presentation, "Cutting the Cable." The information he shared was comprehensive, detailed, and practical. The related PowerPoint is attached and here are links to several related websites:

<https://www.tomsguide.com/us/cord-cutting-guide,news-17928.html>

<https://cordcutterweekly.com/the-beginners-guide-to-cord-cutting/>

At the meeting's raffle drawing, a \$25 Home Depot gift card was won by Marianne Reida.