



# Northwest Retiree Association

## Benefits Committee Meeting

Agenda

May 28, 2019

Attendance: Jim Eiswert, John Shaw, Sue Myllkangas Ray Courter, Jeff Ferguson, Jolaine Zweifel

Greetings: Jim welcome everyone

Committee wants to be a channel of information for the membership of NWRA and area seniors

But we are unclear of our goals.

Agenda:

--Discussion on how to proceed with 'Benefits'

- Review list produced by Rosalie (see attachment)

- Organize the info for webpage

1. Sue and Ray give overview of the Senior Center.
  - a. Jim ask how can we move forward to build partnership with Senior Center
  - b. Sue suggested that we put our information on the web and have a link to the senior center for services not listed under our website.
2. Jim ask how should we organize this list on the web site? What should the organization be?
  - a. John wants to help with the Medicare/healthcare for senior sections
  - b. Jolaine suggest for Rosalie – John and Jeff to meet and work on the organization of the information.
  - c. Jim will check on the legality of placing private businesses on the website
    - i. Possibly we need a separate external website to host this list, then the list can contain all possible businesses and services without the legal issues.
3. John suggested how he would like to see a pre-retirement forum where he and others could share their experiences on Medicare and supplemental insurance.
  - a. It should be held with HR support and around the same time the retirement seminar is given at Northwest.
  - b. John said he could find contacts for Medicare from the Fed and State offices that could help in the presentation.
4. Sue gave the suggestion for our organization to create an internal list of helpers to be supportive of our community of retirees. For example, someone good at sewing, or someone able to give rides to others in need. Or pet sitting,
  - a. Jolaine to add this to the survey that will be created for the program committee.
5. Ray suggested the creation of a radio 5-minute program called Senior Moments. Like a podcast. It could be a voice in the community about senior issues in Northwest Missouri.
  - a. Sue suggested to make all public outreach a positive image about being senior citizen
6. Sue suggested another idea for the website: a listing of webinars. She could forward to us for posting.
7. Jim inquired for ideas on how to include our members who do not use the technology?
  - a. Sue suggested assign each a technology buddy. This would keep them in the loop and not socially connected.