

November 20, 2024 - CCREA Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Sam Heaton, Melvin Holton, John Reida, Roswell Story, Carolyn Ferrell, Julie Arnold, Judy Sheppard, 3 non-committee members

- Sam will discuss with Senior Services staff making an exception to allow CCREA to reserve the meeting room for the full year
- A donation of \$1,000 from Houze and Associates for the Christmas luncheon was confirmed via email to Sam.
- There are few decorations needed for the Christmas luncheon, maybe just some tablecloths. Sam has the clamshells for leftovers.
- Annual Executive Board planning luncheon will be scheduled for January 14, 2025.
- Suggestions for January speakers included:

Roy Barnes
Vic Reynolds
Active Shooter
Part-time jobs for seniors
Medicare questions
Cost-cutting ideas
Artificial intelligence
Medical for seniors, i.e. hearing aids, joint replacements
(Ioana?)
Swampy – Civil War history

- Additional thoughts
Discussion regarding what it “takes” to be an official Retiree.
Should folks be required to be a CCREA member to have insurance through Houze? What about those who are vested, but don’t retire “from” Cobb County?

Clients are having issues reaching representatives at Via Benefits by phone. Sam will address with Via, although the online platform gives great service.

2025 meetings will be held January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17

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Dr. Jackie McMorris gave updates regarding the state of the County and indicated the request to increase the medical stipend for retirees is currently off the table due to other monetary commitments.

Mem Dooley won the raffle of a restaurant gift card.

Minutes submitted by Julie Arnold, CCREA Secretary