

August 20, 2025 - CCREA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Sam Heaton, Ty Mitchell, Carolyn Ferrell, Mike Ball, Melvin Holton, Roswell Story, Julie Arnold

1. Sam has a meeting with Dr. McMorris, Bill Volckmann, and Jim Harner on August 28 to discuss stipend increases and has previously spoken with Bill to request an estimated cost. Even the pension board was told by our OPEB group that they anticipated an increase. Ty has provided me with some good information regarding the insurance cost increases over the last few years.
2. Ty signed the required paperwork at the Senior Center, so we have this room for the rest of the year.
3. Ty and Sam will be unable to attend the September meeting. Carolyn as agreed to serve as emcee.
4. At present time we do not have a speaker for the November meeting. New Fire Chief Mike Cunningham has been suggested, as well as Dick Yarborough and possibly Roy Barnes, but nothing has been decided. We continue to solicit ideas from members.
5. Mike has secured Flavorful Events for December lunch. Buffet Option 4 has been chosen as shown below. Sam will check with Judy to see if she can lead the decorating. Possible activities include a Unique Holiday Sweater contest and/or lipsync of Christmas songs.

Buffet Option 4

Pot Roast
Southern Fried Chicken

Cole Slaw
Sweet Peas & Baby Carrots (vegan)
Mashed Potatoes
Collard Greens (vegan)
Three Cheese Macaroni
Green Beans (vegan)
Black Eyed Peas (vegan)

Pepper Vinegar, Hot Sauce, Chow Chow & Butter Pats
Yeast Rolls & Cornbread

Preset Red Velvet Cupcakes on Dining Tables

6. It was determined to send out the Evites via PunchBowl this year at a cost of \$35.00. Roswell mentioned we used to have better turnout when we called members personally to invite them, but it was determined that people no longer respond to phone calls as they once did.
7. Mike Ball gave an update on members and finances. We have 244 paid members. There were 38 members that chose not to renew, and 41 from 2023. Our finances set at \$12,520.87 and we need to pay \$1,484.00 leaving \$11,036.87. If we do the Christmas lunch based on their price with 130 it will cost \$2,991.00. We usually receive a donation (\$500-\$1,000) from Houze & Associates.
8. Ty has rearranged his schedule to speak at the October 15 meeting about changes to Medicare. This is the same date that Houze & Associates and Tressie will be there.
9. Sam is willing to stay another year as President, but it will likely be his last year. Ty has become very busy and would like to step down. Carolyn has agreed to take on the role of 1st Vice President; Mike, Melvin, and Julie have each agreed to stay on another year as Treasurers and Secretary. We will need to request nominations for 2nd Vice President to fill Carolyn's vacant spot at the September meeting. Elections will be scheduled for the November meeting.

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1. Ziegler's BBQ lunch was served
2. Melissa Conners from KSU presented regarding the 50+ OLLI program
3. Joe Etheridge won the member raffle and selected an Amazon gift card

Minutes submitted by Julie Arnold, Secretary

CCREA 2025 Meeting Dates and Speakers

January 15 - Sam Heaton talking about AI for Seniors

February 19 – David Roach with West Cobb Funeral Home

March 19 – Sandy Panichi with Senior Services

April 16 – Dan Dixon talking about addiction and recovery

May 21 – Allison Gaines with the Cobb County Medical Examiners Office

June 18 – Cook-out or Burgers and Dogs

July 16 – Cobb Fire Investigators

August 20 – BBQ Lunch & Melissa Connors with KSU 50+ OLLI program

September 17 – Bill Volckmann & Pizza

October 15 – Houze & Associates, Tressie Bloodworth, Ty Mitchell

November 19 –

December 17 – Holiday Luncheon