

MAYOR'S COUNCIL | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 8/21/2019 12:00 AM | Meeting location Blackfoot Senior Center

Meeting called by Sindi Crosland (Chair)

Note taker JoAnn Brooks

Next meeting: Sept. 18, 2019 12:00 PM

Location: Senior Center

Present: Sindi, Lisa, Mayor Carroll, Mike, JoAnn, Judy, Kathy, Amy.

AGENDA TOPICS

1. New Business

- We would like to welcome Judy Boren to our committee.
 - Judy works with the Idaho STARS program, dealing with quality child care issues. She is a lead Quality Child Care Consultant. If you would like to learn more, you can contact her at jboren@uidaho.edu and idahostars.org.
- Mike would like us to be aware of a new non-profit called BluePath.
 - BluePath is a non-profit community that serves both consumers and businesses to make it easier to get around and get business done.
 - BluePath is an accessibility website for people with disabilities – ALL kinds of disabilities. It connects local consumers and their families with local businesses who want to work together towards a more accessible world by providing the tools needed to identify barriers to accessing a business and their goods and services.
 - People with disabilities can tap into the Pathfinder community to find what's accessible in their neighborhood. They can also report back on their experience and help other Pathfinders.
 - Businesses can promote your themselves to a market with twice the spending power of the teen market by adding their business to the BluePath/Pathfinder website.
 - For more information, please go to blue-path.org or speak with Mike Hirshi.
- Cathy would like us to be aware of a program called Sleep In Heavenly Peace.
 - Provides beds for children.
 - For more information, please call 1-844-432-BEDS, email them at SHPbeds.org, or speak with Cathy Kotecki.

2. **July's Community Resource Council "Community Network Meeting"**

- Went very well and received lots of positive feedback.
- After the featured speaker finished their presentation, other agencies are going up to the microphone and introducing themselves and their agencies.
- There were at least 30 people in attendance and most are eating the lunch provided by the Blackfoot Senior Center. We had 2 tables filled with everyone's agency information.
- Our next Networking meeting will be October 16, 2019.
- It was suggested that we ask Aid For Friends to be our next speaker.

3. **Community Resource Directory**

- The Bingham Memorial resource book only lists doctors, not all social, economic, or disability resources.
- Current question is if we really need to create a new resource directory when 2-1-1 has most of the information, and people just need to call to get in the information they are seeking. Should we just refer people to 2-1-1?
- We could also put other resource website links on the City of Blackfoot website.
- We will table this until next month, when we will invite someone from 2-1-1 to our meeting, so that we can discuss what resource information they have, and any that they still need. With that information, we will decide whether we should create our own resource directory or just refer people to 2-1-1.
 - We will also invite Rodger Thomas and Brian Crest (from the Blackfoot school system) to get their input, and that of turning this into a senior project.

4. **Combining October networking meeting with employer's recognition breakfast**

- With our new mission statement, what do we want this breakfast to accomplish?
 - In the past, it has been geared towards recognizing employers who support those with disabilities. Do we keep it the same, or do we open it up and make it a networking meeting as well?
 - If we open it up to include the agencies that come to the networking meeting, we could recognize a community enterprise instead of just employers.
 - We would need to expand our contact/invitation list to include non-profits, churches, etc. Sindi will do this and send us a copy to look at through email. Please let her know if anyone should be on the list, but isn't.
 - Please come to the September meeting with ideas for the breakfast, and which committees you would like to serve on.

5. October Trunk or Treat

- Sindi and Amy are willing to hand out candy again.
- We could use the money given to us from BMH for the purchase of candy.

6. Mission Statement

- We need to officially update our mission statement to reflect our new goals and mission. Please come to September meeting prepared with ideas.

7. Recap

- For the September meeting, please come prepared to discuss the following:
 - Community Resource Directory
 - Our new mission statement
 - Community Resource and Employer's breakfast