

**AGE FRIENDLY AUBURN
MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2018**

ATTENDEES: Leroy Walker, Jan Biron, Belinda Gerry, Cindy Larrabee, Frank Pippin, Larry Pelletier and Barry Schmieks

ABSENT: Ginger Levasseur, Mike Davis, Walton School Principal, and Kim Taylor, Sherwood Heights School Principal

The purpose of the new group was explained by Belinda Gerry. We are trying to create an aging friendly community.

Barry wants to get safety information out to everyone. He attends elder abuse task force meetings and can do presentations.

It is the hope that we will be able to get more things going in the senior center. We want to fill it with programs and activities.

Belinda wants to go after some of the bond proceeds that haven't been spent.

Larry suggested inviting Seniors Plus to attend our meetings. Barry suggested inviting Legal Services for the Elderly. Invite the principal of the high school to have him assist in hooking up students with seniors who need help with driveway snow removal and lawn mowing. East Auburn Baptist Church has a program for widows.

We need to have a paid part-time staff person to be available to work in the facility.

We need to focus on helping seniors stay in their homes by finding ways to offer services for lawn mowing, driveway cleaning, house repairs, etc. (Not medical in nature.)

Have kids come to the senior center to help the seniors do things and have the seniors go to the PAL center to have them help kids to do things, i.e. baking, reading, help with homework, kids mowing grass, etc.

Barry stated that people in wheelchairs get stuck on the sidewalks in the winter months. This committee needs to meet with Public Services to find ways to correct this issue.

We would also like to have handy men who would be able to help the elderly with minor maintenance issues, hanging curtain rods, fixing things, etc.

Program ideas:

1. Helping seniors to do their taxes
2. Helping seniors to make a will
3. Helping seniors to do a living will
4. Home maintenance
5. Lawn Mowing
6. Driveway cleaning

The next meeting date is February 27th at 5:00 p.m. in Pettengill Park

NOTE: We will be inviting Mr. Horn, Aspirations Director, from ELHS, Mamie Ney from the Auburn Public Library, Peter Ceprano, Auburn Rec Department, Phil Crowell, Police Chief, Doug Greene, Planning Department and Dan Goyette or Scott Holland from Public Services.