

MAYOR'S COMMITTEE | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 6/20/2018 12:00 PM | Meeting location Blackfoot Senior Center

Meeting called by Sindi Crosland (Chair)

Next meeting: July 18, 2018 12:00 PM

Note taker JoAnn Brooks

Location: Senior Center

Present: Sindi, Mayor Carrol, Lisa, JoAnn, Mike, Gary, Mickey, and Pam

AGENDA TOPICS

1. New Business

- A warm welcome to Gary Redford, who is a representative from VocRehab.

2. Blackfoot Resource Council

- Sandy, from the Dept. of Area on Aging spoke to us about the Community Services Council in Pocatello. The main benefits of having a Resource/Services Council are:
 - Networking opportunities
 - Information sharing
 - Expands our contacts
 - Educational training
- Voting to decide whether or not we would like to start a resource council in Blackfoot is tabled until next month.

3. Employer's Breakfast

- Date: October 25, 2018
- Lisa will get the nomination forms ready and order the posters
- Sindi will email all mayor's committee members a list of Breakfast Committees. Members are not required to sign up, but if you sign up for a committee, we ask that you participate in the meetings and follow through with any and all commitments.

4. Parade, Trunk and Treat, Cremessa

- We've decided not to do a parade float this year
- We will participate in the City of Blackfoot's Halloween "Trunk and Treat"
- We will have an informational booth at the Catholic Cremessa, In August. Pamphlets will be in English and Spanish.

5. Resource Fair 2019:

- As we come in contact with vendors, we need to ask for their thoughts regarding location, time, food, etc.

6. Review of 2017's Employers' Breakfast and our thoughts on how we would like to improve for 2018:

A. The breakfast was a great success

- We are all in consensus that this year's breakfast was Amazing. We had more people there than last year, the decorations and food were wonderful, and the speakers did a top job. Thank you for all of your hard work!
- Invitations: The email invitations were a success; people seemed to pay more attention to them. We will definitely continue to use email next year.

B. Thoughts on how we can continue to improve, or changes we'd like to make

- In addition to coffee and juice, we need to provide water bottles. Many people asked for them.
- We are thinking of having the proclamation read at the November Blackfoot council meeting instead of at the Breakfast.
- We'd like to more fully utilize the whiteboard at Premiere. Perhaps center the room to it.
- We want to try to be more prepared for the needs of the speakers:
 - Find out in advance if they have a Power Point Presentation
 - Bring a podium so that they have some place to place their notes
 - Have the speakers bio be a part of the program
- Celebrate the employers more; have a list of those who were nominated, or who won be a part of the program.
- Next year's speakers:
 - Perhaps more testimonials from both participants and Employers who are utilizing the disability programs.
 - Perhaps someone speaking about how our programs can help the employers.
- Have a "trade table" set up, with all of the information on programs that help employers hire those with disabilities.
 - Put on invitations to come early to ask questions about filling out various forms and take any handouts/materials they would like.
 - Have one of us at the table to explain various forms/programs and how they can benefit employers.
- Perhaps start the nomination process in August, so that we can give Terry (New Day) enough time to make the plaque.

C. What still needs to be done:

- Mike will give/share pictures with Lisa and Ryan for use and distribution.
- Lisa will write thankyou notes.