



Monthly Committee Report – September 14, 2021

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Committee: Community Services & Outreach

Officer/Chair: Patricia Jackson

Committee Members: Anna Marie Baity, Amelia Dent, Barbara Jamison, Barbara Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Patrina Johnson, Mae Redden, Sherry Slater, Merrill White, and Dorothy Wright

1. Activities Completed for the Previous Month:

- Attended monthly COE meeting on August 10, 2021.
- Attended Chairpersons meetings (Aug. 30th & Sept 3rd)
- Community Services & Outreach Committee met on August 12, 2021, at 7:00pm via Zoom platform.
- Caregiver Support Group. Dorothy Wright, Pat Jackson, Barbara Johnson and Amelia Dent hosted a successful caregiver respite event, Bingo in the Park, on Wednesday, September 1st at Wade Walker Park. There were over 40 caregivers, social workers, DeKalb for Seniors President, Donna Dees, LWSC staff, Erica King and COE president, Charleen Knox in attendance. A great time was had by all with awesome bingo prizes and delicious box lunches from Jason's Deli.
- Senior Reach Out Initiative. Merrill White and Pat Jackson are working on this initiative. Merrill has completed training module for volunteer callers and Pat has developed first draft of recruitment flyer for volunteers and seniors who may desire someone to give them a check in call. Both documents have been given to Lou Walker Staff for their approval and we are awaiting next step in making this program a reality.

- Voting Initiative. Barbara Johnson and Amelia Dent are working on this initiative. They are composing voting information to hopefully go in next LWSC newsletter about upcoming November 2nd election and the impact new voting laws passed will have on voters this year.
- Vaccine Initiative. Barbara Jamison and Merrill White are researching different resources such as the CDC, the DeKalb Health Department, etc. to get information about booster shots and mobile vaccine units.

2. Activities Planned for the Future:

There are none at this time. We have decided not to plan any Holiday Outreach initiative this year due to the surge in Covid cases.

3. Motion/Stated for COE Executive Committee Consideration, Resolution and/or Recommendations: none

4. Action/Approval Required by the COE Executive Committee: None

5. Action/Approval Required by the LWSC Staff: We are awaiting approval for Senior Reach Out Program.

6. Opportunities for Celebration: Special thanks to DeKalb For Seniors and AKA for making Bingo in the Park Respite Event for Caregiver Support Group such a success! Hats Off to volunteers for all their hard work! Thanks to Hazel and Lithonia Senior Center for loan of bingo game...it was a great addition to our event!!! Partnerships are priceless.