

Blandford Council on Aging  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Minutes of the Meeting, December 7, 2015  
Monday, January 11, 2016

Present: Mary Brainerd, Barbara Langmore, Margit Mikuski, Linda Barnard, Judy MacKinnon

Absent:

Meeting convened at 4:20 pm

**Minutes** of the November meeting were read and accepted with corrections as discussed by Linda Barnard and Mary Brainerd.

**Treasurer's Report**

- \$3,016.58 – revolving
- \$1,803.62 – town
- \$3,595.40 – state
  
- Income: \$170 holiday party
- \$617 Monday exercise class session
- \$245 Wednesday exercise class session(a loss of \$205)

Barbara Langmore made a motion to accept the report and Judy MacKinnon seconded it.

**New Business**

- **Consortium Update**
  1. Governor Baker is pulling back on money to have been given to consortium for State Incentive Grants. The consortium agreed to reduce the newsletter account by \$5,000.00.
  2. We are waiting for the SIG grant to be signed.
  3. Our Regional Website is coming on line.
- **Fridays beginning in January**
  1. Co will be in charge of movies. Linda will order movies from the library and open the room.
  2. Breakfasts will be on the last Friday of the month.
  3. Margit made a motion to make these changes and Judy seconded it. All are in favor. We feel we need to keep some Fridays open for other types of work of the COA.
- **Policies and Procedures**
  1. We discussed having board members take a CPR class given by the Huntington Ambulance. The fee for the course and card would be free.
  2. We decided we need a special meeting to decide on our new policies and procedures. We will look into what other organizations are doing.
  3. Meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 for further work on this area.

- **Goals for the New Year** – looking up our Mission Statement- will meet to discuss ideas and make further decisions about our plans going forward.

### **Other New Business**

- **Wednesday** exercise update-
  1. **Attendance** has been low the last few weeks
  2. **Last class** for this session is December 16 and will begin again in January
  3. **January 7<sup>th</sup>** will be the first session. We will see if the attendance is up. If not, we will need to reconsider running this class.
- **Registry of Motor Vehicles** – we will be ready to begin helping seniors to renew their license or registration, change their address, or report a lost or stolen placard. The senior will need to sign a legal waiver before we are able to help them.
- **Blind and Visually Impaired** –Mary is looking into this
- **House number update** – Mary and Linda have the numbers and will contact Rita Templeman and Ron Champagne to set up a time and date to complete work.
- **Grief Counseling** – Judy looking into this by contacting Jill Adams.
- **December 17<sup>th</sup> will be last day for donations.** Mary and Donnie Brainerd will deliver the food to the food bank and Judy and Neil MacKinnon will deliver the items for the Women's Shelters.
- **Foot Nurse** is on December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Menu for the Christmas Party** –planned for purchasing food and organizing the set-up, cooking, etc.

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:15pm by Linda Barnard and Barbara Langmore.