

Blandford Council on Aging  
Meeting of Board of Directors  
Minutes of the Meeting, January 11, 2016  
Monday, February 8, 2016

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

Absent:

Meeting convened at 4:10 pm

**Minutes** of the January meeting were read and accepted by Linda Barnard and Barbara Langmore.

**Treasurer's Report** were read and accepted by Judy MacKinnon and Barbara Langmore.

**New Business**

- Consortium Update
  1. Nothing is finalized about SIG grant
  2. Huntington Chairperson, Annmarie Knox, has resigned.
  3. Russell has not been sending a representative to meetings
  4. Website is moving ahead. First Friday of February has been set aside for training.
- Women's Shelters
  1. Received a thank you for our donations
  2. Board voted to solicit donations throughout the year on behalf of women's shelters, using with our letterhead when needed. Margit made a motion and Linda seconded. Motion passed.
- Food Donations – a thank you was received from Huntington Food Pantry. We are considering collecting food to be collected in COA room to be available at coffee hours and when the COA room is open as in coffee hours and breakfasts.
- Issues with Publishing Written Articles
  1. Mary Kronholm has requested that news articles be submitted and given time to be published in Country Journal before posted on Facebook. She has requested that Facebook posts be made after Thursday afternoons when CJ is published. All on board agreed to Mary's request.

- Upcoming events for newsletter
  1. Valentine's Day Coffee hour will be on February 16 with pizza and cupcakes. Looking into decorations, valentines to be sent to seniors, and how to plan the hour around Valentine's Day.
  2. St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated on March 15<sup>th</sup> with corned beef and cabbage and bundt cake.
  3. Movies-February – Fifty First Dates  
March- Spy  
April - ?

### **Other New Business**

- Exercise classes-
  1. Margit agreed to sign insurance form to verify that people were taking exercise classes in order for participants to receive reimbursements
- We, on the board, agreed to attend the selectboard meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in order to find out about the possibility that our room in town hall be moved in the future.
- Budget FY17 town Budget –
  1. Accept level funding
  2. Judy made a motion to accept and Barb seconded. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

- Blind and Visually Impaired-Mary let us know that Carol Curdo has agreed to come to speak to us during the May 19<sup>th</sup> coffee hour. It would be a 20 minute chat.
- Bridges Together – no update
- Policies and Procedures – Margit looked into whether other COAs had policies and is waiting to hear.
- CPR training will be on a Friday

### **Other Old Business**

- Friday Breakfast – quiche – 3 board members are not available.

- Coffee hour – we will have a luncheon with different kinds of soup.
- Discussion of foot nurse and numbers of seniors taking advantage of service

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:05 by Judy MacKinnon and Linda Barnard.