

Blandford Council on Aging
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Minutes of the Meeting, April 11, 2016

Present: Margit Mikuski, Barbara Langmore, Judy MacKinnon

Absent: Linda Barnard, Mary Brainerd

Meeting convened at 4:10 pm

March minutes were read and motion was made to accept by Barb and seconded by Margit. March minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report was discussed. We are still waiting for updated reports from Janet. On the state side, confusion about foliage trip transportation and "payment to Barb". Problem was cleared up and motion was made to accept the report by Judy and seconded by Barb. Treasurer's report was accepted.

Consortium Update

- Phil was not able to attend since he was double booked.
- MCOA manuals were given out at consortium meeting and will be left in COA room.
- Until at least May, Phil will be available on Mondays and Fridays.

Walk Challenge – Mary absent

Flag Information – This item was tabled for future discussion

Tai Chi – Barb made a motion to go forward with the tai chi class beginning on May 21st and running for 6 sessions. The first class is free. The remaining classes will be \$5 each week. Margit seconded. The motion passed.

Newsletter – will publish one more time before July

Other New Business

- **Talk on Tibet**- The board gave the okay for Peter Langmore to pick a date for his presentation on a week night and let board know so we can be sure the room is open and we have refreshments available. This presentation will be open to the public. Judy made the motion and Margit seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

- **Community Garden/Earth Day**
 1. Chuck Benson and Chips Norcross are working on raised beds.
 2. Bill Levakis donated 4 by 4s.
 3. Tom Ackley is able to donate soil in May as he will be on vacation.

4. Judy made a motion to purchase items for landscaping and Barb seconded. Motion passed.
5. Earth Day Program will take place on Saturday, April 23rd, from 10-12pm. We are providing maple saplings and Leon Ripley is coming at 11 am to talk with children about how maple trees produce maple sap used to produce maple syrup. Margot will make pudding with graham crackers for kids to make, as well. We will provide cups and soil for children to plant pumpkin seeds. The plants will have names of children who planted them on markers. Margit made a motion to place the pots in the windows of the COA room until the children plant them outside on Memorial Day weekend after the parade. Barb seconded. Motion passed.

- CPR training was tabled.
- Hazardous Mitigation was cancelled. Margit is waiting for a new date.
- Emergency kits update - Margit spoke to Tom Ackley about his offer to pay for items for emergency kits through money from the fire department. She suggested \$400. He said he would get back to her.
- April 19th coffee hour – Rita is celebrating her 95th birthday this month, along with others. We will give her flowers and have a special cake. Menu will be stuffed bread. Judy and Margit will make the bread. Barb will make a salad. Judy will buy the cake after Margit finds out what Rita will like. Co will help out.
- Breakfast, April 29th, will offer Shepherder’s Breakfast Casserole. Judy and Margit will make the casseroles. Barb will bring fruit and make blueberry muffins. Co will help out.
- Food Bank – not in a position to go forward at this time since we do not have enough support with such a small board. Maybe in the future?
- Women’s Shelter – Judy will make a poster and buy a box to put in the lobby to collect sheets and pillowcases this month.
- Movies – Margit will ask Mary to send out an article apologizing for the technical difficulties with the movie “Everest”. We are still trying to figure out why the movie wouldn’t play in the COA room when it was fine before and after. We will reschedule in the future.

More New Business

- Judy called Pete Thayer to ask if the Health Department would be interested in taking part in the National Take Back Drug Day on April 30th. He said he was interested and would look into it and get back to us. While researching on line, it became clear the police or health department had to be in charge. Margit made a motion for the COA to help sponsor this day and help make it possible. Barb seconded. Motion passed.
- Sue Bloomrose was interested in helping the COA, but she is not able to be an official board member. Margit is looking into another category to allow people to help out without committing to being on the board.

Motion to adjourn was made by Barb and seconded by Margit. Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm