

Blandford Council on Aging
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Minutes of the Meeting, Monday, August 8, 2016

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

Absent:

Meeting convened at 4:10 pm

Minutes of the July 2016 meeting were read and accepted by Linda Barnard and Barbara Langmore.

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

New Business

1. We made plans for putting emergency kits for seniors together on August 18th. Phil will come up once a month to meet with seniors to answer questions and hear their concerns. We might pass out the emergency kits at these meetings. We could also pass out at a breakfast or Social Hour.
2. Job Descriptions were passed out to board members to be read during the month. We will vote on descriptions for each member at the next meeting.
3. Mandated Reporters – family member calls regarding issues of risk (health, welfare or well being) to a senior should be handled by Highland Valley. All calls made to Blandford Town Hall should be referred to the Blandford Council on Aging. We, in turn, would ask family member to contact the Senior's doctor. We feel our information should be anonymous when we report to Highland Valley.
4. New Volunteer Hour mandate has been set by the state. We need to monitor volunteer hours. Twenty hours are needed in order to invite a volunteer to our luncheon. We need to have Chris Mikesh develop a sheet to keep track.

Other New Business

1. We need to create a newsletter for September, October, and November. We need to keep bulk-mailing forms in COA room.
2. Possible new members were to attend meeting, but did not.
3. What to do about the garden? No one seems to be interested. It was a great deal of work for Linda and Margit. We discussed possibilities. Moving raspberries and blueberries closer to water makes sense. Options were discussed. No decision was made. COA board will check with the selectboard.
4. Footnurse – September 18th

Old Business

1. Selectboard Meeting Updates – person responsible for attending meetings will check agenda to see if any item pertains to the COA before attending. Barb is this month.
2. August movie is “Brooklyn”. Linda will rent the movie and work with Co.
3. Tai Chi – we will ask Ellie to have a key to open the auditorium and hold money until following week when Judy or Margit cannot be available.
4. Consortium Update – Huntington is receiving fruit and vegetables for 10 weeks for \$10 through CISA. Consortium is looking into why no other town is eligible.
5. Policy and procedures should be looked at for us to adapt.
6. Judy will check with Mary K about Civil War Presentation article to be sure it includes important information in the article. We should let town know some money from donations was used for this presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm by Linda Barnard and Barbara Langmore.