

Blandford Council on Aging
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Minutes of Tuesday, January 24, 2017 Meeting
Monday, February 20, 2017

Present: Linda Barnard, Edna Wilander, Margit Mikuski, Judy MacKinnon

Absent: Barbara Langmore

Meeting began at 4:06 pm

Minutes of December 2016 meeting were read and accepted by Edna Wilander and seconded by Margit Mikuski. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted by Judy MacKinnon and seconded by Edna Wilander. Treasurer's Report was approved.

New Business

- The board welcomed Edna Wilander onto the Board of Directors.
- Margit received an email from Donna Morrissey, secretary from the Chester Elementary School, asking Blandford COA to participate in Chester's project by receiving homemade cards from students to send to our most "senior" seniors in order to celebrate the students' 100th day of the school year. Judy made a motion to agree to this cooperative project and Edna seconded. Motion passed. Cards will come to us and we will send to seniors.
- We discussed applying for a Sarah Gillette Grant this year to complete more of our emergency kits. We discussed plans to include them in welcome baskets for seniors. Edna made a motion to apply for the grant and Judy seconded. The motion passed. We agreed to go forward with the application.
- We discussed how to replace faulty smoke detectors the fire department donated to the COA through a grant.
- The fire chief agreed to send young fire department volunteers to speak to seniors about smoke detectors and other issues of importance to safety. They will attend and speak at the Social Hour and the February breakfast. We are waiting for confirmation from the fire chief.
- The board agreed to host a book club around Being Mortal by Atul Gawande. Discussion took place around possible dates and time,

as well as the possibility of purchasing books if we have enough people interested. Phil Burns will be asked to join since he brought us this idea.

- The board discussed offering one on one “nutrition sessions” with Chris Keenan. We will check our people to see if there is an interest. Small fee would be required.
- Margit’s church has vases and pitchers to donate to our COA. We will accept these and Margit will bring some of our least used items to the church rummage sale.
- The Blandford Historical Society has asked to use our coffee maker and vases for their Scots-Irish Supper. Judy made a motion to agree to the loan and Edna seconded. The motion passed.
- Budget meeting- Margit made her presentation of our proposed budget and it was well received.
- Set-up for January breakfast is 9 am. Making hash browns at home and bring into kitchen to cook eggs into the hash browns.

Old Business

- Social Hour in February will be pizza.
- The February movie is DVD “Cheek to Cheek” with Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett.
- The menu for the February monthly breakfast will be casseroles.

Adjournment: Margit made a motion to adjourn and Edna seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.