

The Blandford Council on Aging Board Meeting

Monday, June 24, 2017 at 4:00 P.M in the COA Room

Attendees:

Margit Mikuski Judith MacKinnon
Barb Langmore Edna Wilander Linda Barnard

Meeting opened @4:05

AGENDA:

- Minutes from May meeting (10 min.)

Edna made a motion to accept minutes as written - Barb seconded the motion:

MOTION PASSED

- Treasurer's Report (15 Min.)

Linda made a motion to accept report as written - Judith seconded to accept motion:

MOTION PASSED

New Business –

1. Margit attended a workshop at Chesterfield COA presented in conjunction with the Office of Elder Affairs
 1. Chesterfield COA met and worked with Chesterfield Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeal to have building code revised to allow mother-in-law apartments.
 2. Their goal is to allow seniors to remain in their homes
2. What can we do, continue with Blandford COA Focus Group to see if we are on target with our ideas. Possibly changing Zoning By Laws to assist seniors remaining in their homes.
3. Blandford Assessors have a program GSI emergency responders mapping, locating where seniors are who have concerns (i.e. oxygen, pace maker, wheel chair...).
4. Edna shared a form she develop for keeping track of who is on first with our senior activities.
5. Linda suggest one board member purchase all products for meals each month helping with efficiency & economy.
6. Sue Crochowski will write a grant for the consortium we can add our activities to the list. Chester's Van is \$15/hour for driver \$.54/mile. Edna made a proposal that we come up with activities and put in a \$4+5K budget - Judith seconded.

MOTION PASSED

Clerical Assistant Position (15 min.) Other new business:

Lori Bocon was the only application for the position: Margit & Judy will interview next week.

- If we hire Lori the COA board should meet with Lori after her first month
- Determine how the position is going
- Determine if she has any thought or questions on how to improve the position.

Schedule:

Tasks:

Not Monday

Annual update of senior list

Not Wednesday afternoon

Develop a Facebook page

Not Friday

News Letter

Job Schedule 8 hrs/month

Bulletin board

Old Business

- July picnic (10 min.)

15-20 reservations to date

Food - Edna will pick up food:

Watermelon - 2, Root Beer - 24 cans, Lemonade - 2/2pk, Vanilla ice Cream 2 (1/2 gallon)

- July movie, and breakfast (15 min.) Other old business

First Friday: 7/7: Canceling this event as too close to 4th of July

Second Friday: 7/14 - 12 PM

- Set up Room: 7/13 @ 1:30
- Set up Coffee: Keurig
- Judith & Edna: Paper products & Plastic ware
- Margit: cut up watermelon
- Judith & Edna make lemonade ice cubes
- Barb & Linda scoop ice cream for the Root Beer Floats
- Menu:

Catered by Butcher Block, Margit will determine if we need warming trays after speaking with the BB when she calls in our number of reservations.

Third Friday Movie: 7/21 Edna & Cosette - Mr. Church

Fourth Friday Breakfast: 7/28 - 10 AM

- Set up Room:
 - 7/28 @ 9 AM
- Set up Coffee: Keurig
- 3 Warmers
- Check dishwasher
- Menu: Judith will buy 2 cans Hash, 3 doz. eggs, 3 doz. english muffins, & OJ (no pulp)
- Judith will poach the eggs, Linda will bake the hash, and Edna will toast & butter the muffins

Wednesday Writing Group

- Will continue in July, but not in August

Tia Chi will take a break in August

July Board we will continue the “clean up” of the COA room

There will be **NO activities** in August with the exception of Monday AM exercise group

August board meeting to plan for September activities

Margit & Judith will meet with Angie Ellison, Blandford Town Administrator, with concerns on how to best work with other town departments. We have the relationships with many seniors and are aware of resources to support their needs.

It might be good to have Highland Valley come in to talk about emergency contact information, encouraging our seniors fill out the contact information to be stored at COA.

Judith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barb second the motion

Motion passed Meeting Closed @ 6 PM