

The Blandford Council on Aging Board Meeting Monday, July 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

1. Minutes from June meeting (10 min.)

- Corrections: made
- Judith made a motion to accept minutes with corrections
- Motion seconded by Barb
- **Motion - Passed**

TREASURES REPORT PENDING UNTIL PROBLEM IS RESOLVED

2. New Business –

a) Revisit Mission Statement:

Mission: SUGGESTED DRAFT

The Blandford COA will serve the seniors in our community through organizing and hosting social and health related activities by bridging and networking with multigenerational residents of Blandford. Facilitating and coordinating programs to assist and inform seniors of available resources to allow them to remain independent.

Continue the Blandford COA Focus Group with a possible Panel Presentation by the group at one of Blandford COA's Social Hour.

1. Menu ideas for Social Hour

- Chester is doing food of the month i.e.:
 - August - National Ice Cream Sandwich month
 - September - National Make A Pizza
- We need to make sure we state in our newsletter what our meal is going to be if we choose to do something similar.

2. Wine/Beer Tasting; Paint and Sip Angeline Ellison, Blandford Town Administrator said we can do BYOB

- We can do as long as we (COA) DO NOT PROVIDE the Alcohol
- If we do a beer testing the providers need a license
- MICRO BREWS - Judith will investigate further

3. TV USES:

- Possibly connect to the First Friday Activities
- Edna will present a program possibly from Netflix or Amazon

4. ATTENDANCE RECORDS

- Where does the secretary email the attendance records - Margit will send to Linda
- Linda has a concern the hand written sheets not matching the attendance book, Barb will assist Julie at the Welcome Desk
- Okay for Linda to take the FY17 Records out of the Attendance Book and file

Other new business

Old Business –

1. Clerical Assistant Position (15 min.)

1. Offered the position to Lori Bocon and Lori has accepted
 - Schedule
 - NOT Monday, Wednesdays afternoons, or Fridays
2. Lori needs to receive a key from Sue Streeter
3. COMPUTER LOCK - Linda will try to install passwords

2. Newsletter

- Permission slip for Seniors before we use their name or image in any media or on our web-site.

• MOVIE IDEAS

- Edna will write an article advertising the new TV and possible use of NETFLIX & AMAZON
- Linda will write an article on the new flags purchased by COA & the Town

Margit, Judith, met with Angie Ellison, Blandford Town Administrator, highlights:

- FRTA contract due, FRTA needs to meet with the Select-Board to maintain their contract with Blandford.
- If we are asked about a senior by another town residents, Angie stated, we should ask in what capacity are you asking? Are you asking as a friend or a department member.
- To share information with other Blandford Town Departments do we need a release form? Margit will check with MCOA possibly have MCOA come to present “best practices” for communications between seniors and possible town Departments or other agencies that can meet a seniors support needs.

3. Veteran’s Day Dinner (change of date)

1. SMALL PLANET DANCERS have a conflict
2. If all else fails we accept Friday night November,10, but prefer Saturday November 11, making the event more accessible to working Veterans.

Other old business

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

Motion passed Meeting Closed @ 6:15 PM