

Blandford Council on Aging
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Minutes of the Meeting, Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Present: Margit Mikuski, Linda Barnard, Barbara Langmore, Don Mikesch, Mary Brainerd, Judy MacKinnon

Absent:

Meeting convened at 4:00 pm

Minutes of the June 2016 meeting read- Linda made the motion and Barb accepted. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report read - Judy made the motion to accept and Barb seconded. Treasurer's Report accepted.

New Business

- Don was appointed to COA at Monday's selectboard meeting.
- Discussion of Clerical Assistant to be paid from State Formula Grant money- \$500. Duties would include attendance, street list, and newsletter. Judy made a motion to hire a person as an outside contractor for \$10 an hour for 4 hours a month as a clerical assistant. Barb seconded and motion passed.
- Mary's time as a board member has expired. She will help as a volunteer when she is able until September.
- Mary attended a MCOA Housing Conference. We asked Mary to contact the speakers to see if they would come to speak at a Social Hour or Breakfast. There were a number of topics discussed:
 1. Department of Revenue spoke about property tax relief.
 2. Reverse Mortgage counselors
 3. Protective Service unit (Highland Valley)
 4. Option (Short term) counseling program (elders, disabled, and developmentally disabled) through Highland Valley
 5. Home Modifications
 6. Home Sharing
 7. Renting
 8. Aging in the Community

- Consortium Update
 1. Middlefield legal fees will be paid through the consortium dues.
 2. Chester is back in.
 3. Healthy Hilltowns ladies spoke at meeting and hoping to have people on September 19th and/or 21st to answer questions and to further discussion regarding ways to improve health in our town. Looking for help from towns
- Thank you note for flowers sent was received from the foot nurse who is recovering from surgery.
- July 21st will be next foot clinic with Nancy Stevens.
- Discussion of asking for a \$2 charge for future breakfasts. Barb made the motion to ask for a \$2 fee for future breakfasts and Margit seconded. Motion passed. We will include this in our next newsletter.
- Selectboard meeting news included visit from Healthy Hilltowns and interviewing for town administrator
- Picnic
 1. Hot dogs (20) and hamburgs (40), rolls, root beer, ice cream – Linda will buy at Costco
 2. Baked beans and cole slaw – Margit
 3. Potato salad w mayo – Linda
 4. Potato salad wo mayo and watermelon – Judy
- Breakfast-hash, poached eggs, English muffins, blueberry muffins
- August movie – Brooklyn – Linda and Co
- Civil War Presentation – Saturday, August 6th
 1. Potluck – Southern theme, non-alcoholic mint juleps and peach cobbler for dessert provided by COA
 2. Decorations with red, white, and blue theme, looking for fans
 3. We would “appreciate a RSVP” by phone
- Discussion of creating job descriptions for all on board to make clear expectations

Adjourned at 6:15pm Barb made a motion and Judy seconded. Motion passed.