

Blandford Council on Aging  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Minutes of Meeting Monday, April 24, 2017  
Monday, May 22, 2017

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

Absent:

Meeting convened at 4:05 pm

**Minutes of March 2017 meeting** were read and accepted. Linda made a motion to accept the minutes. Barbara seconded. Motion passed. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** was read and accepted by Judy and Barb. Motion passed. Treasurer's report was accepted.

**New Business**

- Cabinets – Rick Barnard presented the board with quotes from various cabinet companies. Discussion took place around Rick doing the work on a town building. He is concerned about doing the work as he is not a licensed contractor. He also wondered about conflict of interest. Rick would be willing to install without a fee. He had quotes from different vendors. It was decided that the board and Rick would look into points of discussion and report back at the next meeting.
- Possible Youth Volunteer – Linda spoke to the board about the possibility of having a person with disabilities help out with selected COA activities like the social hour and the monthly breakfast. Judy made a motion that Linda would develop a task analysis of what the student would do during social hour and breakfast. Then, Linda would meet with mother to see if the person would be able to follow through with activities. Would mom let Linda meet with her teacher? Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed. We will discuss this possibility after the plan and meeting take place.
- Focus group – On Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, a group of seniors will meet to discuss how to keep seniors in place in town as they age and need more help. Phil Burns and seniors who volunteered to

attend will take part in a needs assessment. The board members will have input in this assessment as we have knowledge of emergency management and what is now available to seniors. After town meeting, we would like to meet with selectboard members. We discussed the need to become more political as we go forward, if we are going to develop plans to help seniors with driving to appointments, grocery shopping and more. We need to look at our mission statement to see if we need to change it or does it reflect this political focus? We agreed to meet and discuss further. We will clean the room on Tuesday, May 16 at 2pm and the focus group will meet at 3 pm.

- Bulk Mailing issues will be addressed after town meeting.

### **Other New Business**

- Edna has agreed to take over Movie Fridays. This month's movie is "Dough". Edna will order movies from library and open room. Margit will pick the movie. Co will continue helping, as well.
- Chris Mikesh is no longer able to help out with clerical duties. We need to hire someone new and advertise. Margit has a job description. She will email it to us. Judy made a motion to pay her the stipend of \$500 for her work. Edna seconded. Motion passed.
- May Social hour menu will be individual chicken potpies to be purchased by Margit from her church... \$129 for 29 pies. Linda will bring the salad and Margit and Judy will bring rhubarb desserts. Edna made a motion to buy 29 pies and Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Discussion took place around the April breakfast. Sue is bringing 50 pancakes and maple syrup. We decided to make more pancakes, in case. Edna is making sausage. Linda is bringing fruit.
- May Breakfast will include casseroles with meat (Margit and Barb) and without (Linda and Judy) including fruit (Edna).

### **Old Business**

- Margit has found a Brother printer, copier, and scanner for \$160. Linda made a motion that we purchase the printer. Judy seconded. Motion passed.
- Discussion took place about the raised beds. Linda asked about whether to use seeds or plants. Margit suggested buying fewer plants.

- Discussion took place about purchasing the new chairs. Should we buy a larger TV? Should we buy a sound bar?

Adjournment: Barb made a motion to adjourn and Edna seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm