

**THE BLANDFORD COUNCIL ON AGING BOART MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017 @ 4 PM in the COA ROOM**

AGENDA

MEETING OPENED AT: 4:09 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MARGIT MIKUSKI, JUDITH MACKINNON, BARB LANGMORE, LINDA BARNARD

PRESENTATION FROM MANAGER OF McDonald's:

Request to share their desire to reach out to communities to support the community organizations. Unable to attend will try to reschedule.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion made by Judith to accept July Meeting Minutes; seconded by Barb. - Motion Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Margit will adjust the the Picnic funding / waiting on town reconciliation of the Revolving.

Motion made by Judith to accept report as written pending above changes; seconded by Barb. - Motion Approved

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of a New Programs:

- Paint & Sip: \$30 with 10 person minimum BYOB, Margit will apply for Cultural Grant to defray cost, Margit will also find out if there is a maximum number of attendees for the classes
- Octoberfest: Judith will research more, what would be the expectation of the brewery, is there a minimum require in attendance, possible outing to brewery for samplers?
- Smart TV: look into purchasing Amazon or Netflix - do a demo on the TV Friday

Victorian Christmas: look into doing day time presentation

- Motion made by Linda if the Small Planet Dancers will do a day time presentation we will include this with our Christmas Dinner; seconded by Judith. - Motion Approved

Flu Clinic: Rite Aid free need minimum of 25; use sign up sheet at Social Hour and Breakfast.

Use of room by Historical Commission: Judith made a motion to allow the Historical Commission the use of the COA room one day a month (3rd Wednesday PM) for their meetings; seconded by Barb. - Motion Approved

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

LISTENING SESSION TO ADDRESS AGAING IN MA

- Judith attended much of the discussion went along with BLANDFORD'S COA focus group

- Transportation, technology, keeping people in their homes, direct care support (question qualification of people being asked to support folks when they come home from the hospital as hospitals are letting folks out early)
- Ambulance service two people have to drive if one can drive the ambulance and the second person drives to the house could reduce the time in arrival of support.
- Elders raising grandchildren - need volunteer support as some seniors do not drive
- 12k people with Alzheimers in MA
- Liability to helping hand in communities

EDNA WILANDER RESIGNED 08-17-2017, her resignation was accepted. How should we fill? Margit will cover the treasurers position until we are able to fill it.

NEWSLETTER: Judith will look into placing copies at the Blandford Store and/or Library.

OLD BUSINESS

Clerical Assistant Position: Lori is doing a great job we will review in 3 month.

Newsletter: going out tomorrow

Veteran's Day Dinner:

- Lasagna, Tossed salad, rolls and Terrimasu - Judith picked up at Costco
- Historical Society will bring posters and music

September Social Hour:

- Pizza party size combo & veggie (Russell Inn), salad, and sherbet - Margit

September Breakfast:

- Continental Breakfast: yogurt, fruit, muffins (Barb), bagels - Linda

Revisit Mission Statement: Judith made a motion to accept the draft of the mission statement drafted at the July 24th meeting; seconded by Barb. - Motion Approved

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.

COA Mission Statement

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 PM