

**THE BLANDFORD COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2017 @ 4PM IN THE COA ROOM**

AGENDA

Meeting opened @ 3:45 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MARGIT MIKUSKI, JUDITH MACKINNON, BARB LANGMORE, LINDA BARNARD

Introduction of new outreach worker: Cynthia Ashley (20min - 4:05)

- Cynthia is employed by Tolland - she has developed an informational form to catalog pertinent information
- She will be signing a contract with the COA Consortium and will be able to provide Blandford with a specific amount of time as prescribed by the COA Consortium
- Cynthia brought questions to suggest items she might be able to support Blandford COA with
- It was agreed the COA Board would review and meet with Cynthia again in January, possibly having her attend either the Social Hour or the Breakfast

Minutes from October meeting: (10 min. - 4:15)

- Barb made a motion to accept October Minutes with revisions made, Margit seconded the Motion - Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: (10 min. - 4:25)

- Linda made a motion to accept Treasurer's Report, Barb seconded the Motion - Motion passed
- Check with exercise classes if there are any needs
- Yoga mats - cost \$5

New Business:

Future Speakers (10 min. - 4:35)

- Rosemary Arnold come and speak with the seniors
 - "Winding River Conservancy & Franklin Land Trust"
 - How to preserve property in a Community Land Trust
- Medicare Fraud - MA Senior Medicare Patrol Pgm.

Use of Equipment: (10 min. - 4:45)

- Linda VanW wants to borrow Warming Trays for her charity
- Prefer our equipment remains at the town hall
- Barb made a motion all equipment remains in the town hall, if it is to be borrowed there will be a COA board member present - Seconded by Linda - Motion passed

Table-Top shuffle board: (5 min. - 4:50)

- Do we want this for the first Friday - yes
- Puzzle table top try scrabble board contest, Margit will check with Library to determine how they ran the contest

New board members: (5min. - 4:55)

- Seeking new members
- They will need to write letter of intents to Select Board
- Mary Mangini interested
- Heidi Taberman - willing to help
- Doretta Bomsma - willing to help

Other new business:

- COA Assistant is enrolled in Gateway Computer Classes
- Barb made a motion that COA pay for the classes - Seconded by Linda - Motion approved

Old Business:

Discussion of Christmas party dinner: (10 min - 5:05)

Christmas Dinner:

- Purchase all:
- Stuffed Chicken Breasts (30)
- Mash Potato/gravy
- Dinner rolls
- Salad
- Pumpkin Pie
- Set up time

Social hour, breakfast and movie for January: (15 min. - 5:20)

- Breakfast: Breakfast Casserole
- Movie: The Founder
- Social: Chile/Corn Bread
- Feb movie - Victoria & Abdul

Farmers Market: (10 min - 5:30)

- December 9th
- Chester has not responded to our request for use of the Van
- Judy/Linda willing to drive - Judy will put a notice in the Country Journal

December board meeting: (5 min - 5:35)

- Canceled
- Will touch base after social hour/or email

Other Old Business:

Adjourned @ 5:09

Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barb: Seconded the Motion - Motion passed