

Blandford Council on Aging
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting February 25,2018
Monday, March 26, 2018

Present: Heidi Taberman, Mary Mangini, Barbara Langmore, Margit Mikuski, Lori Bocon, Judy MacKinnon
Absent: Linda Barnard
Meeting began at 4:05 pm

1. Minutes of January meeting were read and accepted by Barb Langmore and Margit. Minutes accepted.
2. Treasurer's Report was read and accepted by Judy MacKinnon and Barb Langmore. Report accepted.
3. New Business
 - Consortium – The new outreach person quit and Jean Armitage has stepped down. Margit will take over for Jean until the end of the fiscal year. Sue Kucharski from Chester will take over. There is a balance of \$19,000 to spend.
 - Focus Group – The group is meeting with Angela Mulkerin, Hilltown Ambulance and Jean LeClair from Economic Development Director for the Gateway Hilltowns to discuss how to go forward with finding transportation for Seniors in the hilltowns. The group is looking into different companies and exploring the idea of purchasing a van. Margit is talking with Adam regarding the feasibility of buying and insuring a vehicle. All ideas are being explored.
 - Newsletter – articles should be sent to Lori soon. This newsletter will be for April, May and June. We will write an article regarding the focus group and our need to find out who might need transportation in our area.
 - A decision was made to hold a Health Fair. We have money in our budget and have had people approach us about workshops. We brainstormed many ideas and all decided to explore which ones might work and make calls. We are thinking of a date in early June from 1-5.
 - Thinking about buying magnets with COA logo to be used for prizes and such.
 - Lori reported that Valley Eye Radio helps those who are visually impaired by reading local newspapers on different radio stations or to read to people on line. Perhaps this service could have a table at our Health Fair.
 - Final discussion of recipe of our St. Patrick's Day Dinner.
 - We have 9 people so far who are going to Ripley's on the 24th.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 by Judy MacKinnon and seconded by Margit Mikuski. Meeting adjourned.