

Blandford Council on Aging  
Minutes of November 26, 2018 Meeting

Meeting began at 4:00 pm

Attendance

Present: Margit Mikuski, Pat Deviau, Barbara Langmore, Heidi Taberman,  
Mary Mangini, Lori Bocon

Absent: Linda Barnard

**Minutes of October Meeting**-motion made to accept by Pat and seconded by Judy. Motion passed. Minutes accepted.

**Treasurer's Report**-Margit let us know that the Veteran's Dinner made \$86.48. Motion was made to accept report by Judy and seconded by Heidi. Motion passed. Report accepted.

**New Business**

1. **Consortium** – There is a possibility that a letter may be sent to the selectboard asking that dues be sent to Huntington. Dues is being sent to the town, but the town currently has no record of receiving the money.
2. **December meeting** – A unanimous decision was made to have no meeting in December.
3. **New Year Events** – Discussion took place around planning events for the coming year.
4. **Planning events** – Discussion continued as we think about knowing ahead who will be on hand when events are planned. A plan to have people to set up, attend the event, clean up, as well as cook, etc., are important going forward in order to share in the work to make events a success.

**Other New Business**

1. **Blandford Fire Department** – requested use of our equipment. Unanimous agreement to agree to loan equipment.
2. **Blandford Country Club** – requested use of our room for a meeting. All agreed, with Judy abstaining.

3. **Sand Delivery** – The board agreed to not continue this idea as efforts to gather volunteers has become too difficult.
4. **Newsletters** – a decision was made to stop sending newsletter to seniors 55-59. They will be able to view the newsletter on Facebook or on The Town of Blandford website. Currently, we are sending out 365 newsletters.

### **Old Business**

1. **Review of Veteran's Dinner**- Discussion of the small amount of money donated in spite of a high turnout is forcing us decide to make a different plan for next year. We have a folder dedicated to past years and will continue to think of ways to improve. We need to have a definite increase in a charge for the dinner for those who are not veterans. The night was a great success in terms of an increase in the number of veterans and their families. The Historical Society addition has been well-received. Many people came to support our veterans. We had enough food. Money is a problem, not to make a profit, but to come out even.
2. **Christmas Luncheon** – December 14 menu will be ham, sweet potato casserole, salad, rolls, and ice cream. Decisions were made as to who was shopping, cooking, etc.
3. **November breakfast** – casseroles, muffins, and fruit.
4. **Discussion of January events** – will discuss another time. Peter Langmore's presentation on Africa coming up. We need refreshments.

**Motion made to adjourn** made by Barb and seconded by Judy. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 6 pm