

Blandford Council on Aging
Minutes of January 28, 2019 meeting of
Board of Directors

Meeting called to order at 4pm

Attendance- Present: Margit Mikuski, Heidi Taberman, Barbara Langmore, Lori Bocon,
Mary Mangini, Judy MacKinnon

Absent: Pat Daviau, Linda Barnard

1. **Minutes** from November meeting were read and accepted by Heidi Taberman and seconded by Margit Mikuski. Minutes were accepted.

2. **Treasurer's Report** was read and accepted by Judy MacKinnon and Heidi Taberman. Report was accepted. Motion to create a position of paid director of the Blandford COA was made after board discussion with Margit Mikuski by Judy MacKinnon and accepted by Mary Mangini. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **New Business**
 - **Consortium** – Sue Kucharski of Chester is now doing Outreach for the consortium towns and has a storefront in Chester. It is important to get the word out. We should invite her to one of our social hours or breakfasts. She is a certified SHINE counselor.
 - **Discussion of changing date and time of board meetings** – discussion took place around changing board meetings to 3:30 pm on the third Monday of each Monday in order to meet the needs of our newsletter and events, as well as changing the time for convenience of board members. The change was unanimously passed.
 - **February Lunch** – soup, salad, bread, and dessert
February breakfast – waffles with fruit sauce and sausage
 - **St. Patrick's Day Event** – discussion took place around why the partnership with the Blandford Historical Society was being considered. Judy made a motion to join BHS to present an Irish Heritage evening with the COA cooking corned beef and cabbage dinner and the BHS providing dessert and entertainment, as well as helping with set-up and clean-up. The event will take place on March 2 at 6pm at Blandford Town Hall and will be in place of our March Social Hour. Mary Mangini seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - **COA Town Budget** – the Finance Committee wants a budget as soon as possible
 - **Arts Lottery Grants events** – We received a grant for the Paint and Sip Workshop (August or September on a Friday evening at 6pm?) and the

Scarf-making event (mid- May or June in the afternoon) We need to have the kitchen and auditorium for this event.

4. Other New Business

- **Social Hour event** – could we schedule a date to make crockpot pineapple chicken and have Amber Latourneau show seniors how to make this recipe? Will consult with Pat Daviau.

5. Old Business

- Understanding of our mission statement – discussion took place around the meaning of the mission statement and the importance of the statement having similar meaning to all on the board.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm by Barb Langmore and seconded by Judy MacKinnon. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.