

**The Blandford Council on Aging
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday February 25, 2019
Meeting open at 3:30 P.M in COA Rm**

Board Present:

Margit Mikuski, Judy MacKinnon, Pat Daviau, Heidi Taberman, Lori Bocon, Barb Langmore, & Linda Barnard

Absent:

Mary Mangini

1. Minutes from January meeting (5 min.)
 1. Motion made by Judy to accept Minutes as written, seconded by Pat
 2. Motion passed
2. Treasurer's Report (10 min.)
 1. Motion made by Judy to accept Treasurers report, seconded by Pat
 2. Motion passed
3. Consortium is developing a resource book, each COA (Huntington, Chester, & Blandford) will pay \$900/year for 300 printings of resource books for the next 3 years
 1. 100 Resource Books distributed for each COA/year
 2. Blandford will pay for the first round, the following 2 years will be paid for by Huntington & Chester
 3. Heidi made a motion to accept proposal Pat Seconded
 4. Motion passed
2. Pat & Linda have agreed to look into Serve Safe training to determine what the options are
3. Sarah Gillette Grant (10 min.)
 1. \$800+ available will use to finish the emergency bags
4. New Business:
 1. Walking Program and Walking Maps (10 min.)
 1. Heidi & Pat will investigate
 2. Set up maps
 2. Brown Bag Program (10 min)
 1. 3rd Friday of each month
 2. One person in-charge
 1. Pat in-charge, Lori will be back-up
 2. We have 2 persons receiving a Brown Bag
 3. Brown Bag pick up at Blandford COA Friday between 11 + 11:30
 3. BCC add events to the COA Newsletter that the BCC is sponsoring
 1. 55 + receiving the newsletter - agreed
 2. Include links to other Hill-town, Pioneer Valley, & Berkshires COA's for trips
5. Drug take Back Program: Margit will talk to Chief of Police
6. Board Health Dept. looking into needle pgm.: Pat willing to help
7. Other New Business:

8. Old Business:

1. St. Patrick's Event (15 min)
 1. 40 People
 2. COA Providing Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, & Potatoes
 3. COA arrive at 5 PM
 4. Historical Society will provide Hors d'oeuvres & Desserts along with Irish Dancers
 5. Historical Society will set up and take down
2. Breakfast at Ripley's (10 min.)
 1. March 23 @ 10
 2. 9:30 to car pool at town office
3. Update on Transportation (10 min)
 1. Met with Rep. from Hines office, Chesterfield with Dave Christopholis
 2. Do we want to buy a vehicle for groceries & medical appointments - work in progress
 3. Work shop for Office for Elder Affairs
4. Director's Position (10 min)
 1. Margit met with TA
 2. Needs to be advertised as a new position
 3. Suggesting start at \$5,000 with matching funds from town and state at \$2,500, with incremental increases as years pass to reach going rate of area wide directors
 4. Margit presenting initiative FinCom
5. Art Lottery Grants events (10 min)
 1. Scarf June 1st Saturday @ 1 PM
 2. Paint 'N' Sip September 27th Friday
6. Next meeting March 15 @ 3:30
7. Judy made a motion to adjourn, Heidi seconded ~ Adjourned at 5:15 PM

Respectfully submitted - Linda Barnard COA Secretary