

**The Blandford Council on Aging  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 21, 2019  
Meeting opened at 3:30 P.M in COA Rm**

Director: Margit Mikuski

Board Present:

Judy MacKinnon, Barb Langmore, Heidi Taberman, Mary Mangini, Pat Davio, Lori Bocon, & Linda Barnard

Program heads:

1. Judy - Chairman, Country Journal/Taylor Group/Transportation
2. Barb - Foot Clinic/Table Cloths
3. Heidi - Exercise/Walking Challenge
4. Mary - Movies
5. Pat - Trips
6. Pat - Nutrition/Menus for Social Hour & Breakfast
7. Linda - Sectary

1. Minutes from September 16, 2019 meeting (5 min.)
  1. Motion made by Barb to accept Minutes as written
  2. Motion seconded by Heidi Motion passed
2. Treasurer's Report (10 min.)
  1. Motion made by Linda to accept Report as written:
  2. Motion seconded by Barb Motion passed
3. New Business:
  1. Acceptance and finances regarding car (15)
    1. COA has received a donation of a car for transporting Blandford Seniors
    2. Motion made by Linda to accept the donation and pay for the repairs out of the revolving account, seconded by Heidi - Motion Passed
    3. Car taken to Center City to check condition of the Car
      1. Transmission lines need repair - cost \$400
      2. Mileage 59K - 2008 Mercury Mariner
      3. Add a line item to our budget to cover maintenance for the following years
      4. Look into snow Tires for this winter
      5. TJ has offered the new cemetery building to house the car in the winter
      6. Margit & Judy will check with donor if they are all right with letting folks know they made the donation
      7. Have Channel 40 do a human interest story once repaired on it's first journey
    4. Items noticed are just ware items
    5. Selectman need to give a letter of acceptance of the car to the Donor
    6. TA will take care of all paperwork
    7. TA wants to Letter the car with "Town of Blandford" seal - Donor requested it has COA on it
  2. Mass Arts Lottery Council Grand Application (10)
    1. Applied for 2 grants
    2. The scarfs making class with wild flowers
    3. Trip to Berkshire botanical & Norman Rockwell Gallery (June or September) - Library has passes
  3. Calendar & News Letter
    1. Initial if your available for the Breakfast & Social Hour
    2. News letter needs to go out soon to advertise Veteran's Dinner
    3. Any articles for the News Letter need to go to Lori
    4. The Night Before - December movie

5. Nov. 7 "Foot Clinic"
6. Additional item possible for the Newsletter - Writings, Poems, Sudoku
7. Memory of - Mary will write a memorial for Ilene
8. Mary made a motion to have a corner of the COA board in the hall of the town office be for "Memorial Notices" Seconded by Heidi motion passed
4. Walk Challenger (10)
  1. Prizes for Walk Challenge
  2. Draw two names at the October Breakfast
5. Other New Business
  1. Mass Vulnerability Workshop @ the Blandford Ski Area
  2. Nov. 15 @ 8-4:30 Margit will attend
  3. Ed Harvey - "Incident Command training", believes the COA should be a stake holder
  4. Can do on line, Ed is willing to support us with a training and support for test on line
  5. Margit will find how long a class is preferably on a Monday
    1. Margit, Lori, Heidi, Mary, & Linda
4. Old Business:
  1. Upcoming Activities (20) - November all events the same except the Veterans Dinner will replace the November Social Hour
  2. Veteran Dinner Nov. 9, Saturday at 6 PM
    1. Poster for Veterans Dinner - Veterans dinner is complimentary, adults \$8 kids under 12 \$4
    2. Menue:
      1. 5 Pasta casserole Lori, Margit, Judy, Heidi, Linda
      2. Judy/Margit will send the recipe
      3. Crunchy Bread, Salad, & Dessert (Pat's Pumpkin Cake w/cream cheese frosting)
      4. Judy will pick up - Salad, dressing, & crunchy bread
      5. Margit will get ingredients for pasta
      6. Desert shopping Margit/Judy
      7. Desert - Pat will send out - Barb, Linda, Margit, Judy
    3. Decorate @ 10 AM, Pamela, Nancy Ackley, Lori, Linda, Margit
    4. Lori will call Ilene Brag to help, Linda will call Doretta Boomsma
  3. Breakfast - November 22 - Breakfast casserole
  4. October 25 Breakfast
    1. Heidi - English Muffins
    2. Linda - 3 Hash, 3 dz Eggs & 1 pkg Muffins
    3. Judy poached eggs
5. Check Knox Trail Inn & Blandford Ski Area for Christmas Dinner (40, Dec. 13 @ noon)
6. Add donation sheet to town clerk yearly mailing
7. Consortium: 3 people met with Sue
  1. Consortium received a grant \$8,000 to assist care givers
  2. Folks are using the service
8. Linda suggested a committee be formed to plan monthly Social Hour & Breakfast
  1. Concerns
    1. Lack of time to spend on meeting needs of the Seniors
    2. Amount of meeting time spent planning menus
  2. Suggestion a sub committee set a yearly venue schedule
    1. Lori is interested in heading the committee
    2. Committee needs to include Pat as she has Safe Serve qualification
    3. Lori & Heidi will talk with missing COA member
9. Other old Business:
10. Heidi made a motion to adjourn, Barb seconded ~ Adjourned at 5:15 PM

Respectively submitted Linda Barnard, COA Secretary