

Minutes
Blandford Council on Aging (CAA)
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 17, 2021
1:30 PM in COA room

Present: Barbara Langmore, Joann Martin, Bob Twyman, Pat Lombardo, Margit Mikuski, Judy MacKinnon

Meeting brought to order at 1:30 pm

1. Minutes from July 2021 meeting were accepted as written. Motion to accept made by Barb and seconded by Pat.
2. Report on Budget was accepted as written. Motion to accept made by Bob and seconded by Barb.
3. Old Business
 - a. Transportation Program – need to meet with transportation group to update protocols regarding driving Seniors, adding information about their health and medications. Pat let us know to call Elder Care in Florence for help with another mode of transportation for those who need more help with transport than we, as volunteers, are qualified to give. We discussed taking an upcoming CPR class.
 - b. We discussed the mission statement the Blandford COA/CAA has developed with our new members.
 - c. Margit spoke about the grants we have received to help Seniors sign up and receive Broadband. We discussed our mission to help Seniors connect and to give help with learning how to use their computers for face time, doctor appointments, and information and so on. She also talked about the Dementia Friendly program Blandford is beginning as part of this grant from Baystate Health.
 - d. Michele Crane, from Porter Memorial Library, met with Judy to discuss ways to partner with the library. Many ideas were discussed. To begin, the library will stop by our next lunch on September 10 to talk about ways the library can be of help to Seniors aside from checking out books. They will have hand outs and will be able to sign Seniors up for a card, as well.
4. New Business
 - a. We brainstormed new ideas and changes we might make with new board members and let them know they are welcome to help with any part of our work. We decided to offer a flu clinic for Seniors in October, partnering with Walgreen's.
 - b. We were not able to meet with Jennifer Girard from the board of health since she had a personal matter that prevented her from attending.
 - c. The board decided that we would meet on Mondays from now on. Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 13, at 1 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm. Bob made the motion and Barb seconded.