



## **BETTER LIVING FOR SENIORS MONTHLY MEETING**

June 18, 2014

### **Board Members Present:**

Cindy Clouse  
Cari Herrington  
Kim Hooton  
Tamara Rowland  
Dorene Royal  
Greg West

### **MEETING LOCATION:**

- Our location and breakfast was hosted at the building that houses the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) located on 2135 Marshall Edwards Drive, Bartow, FL. A welcome was given by Kathleen Roehm, RSVP Coordinator, who shared how RSVP coordinates with services in Polk County that engage senior volunteers. Hope Jones, who is in charge of Elderly Services, was introduced. Our breakfast was provided by Browning Moving and Logistics who explained their full range of services as well as their qualifications for moving seniors. Thank you for the delicious breakfast!

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

- The meeting was called to order by Cindy Clouse, President at 9:18 a.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A motion was made that the minutes from the May 2014 Meeting, now posted on the website at [www.blfspolk.com](http://www.blfspolk.com), be approved. The motion was seconded, a vote taken and the minutes were approved unanimously with no changes.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Dorene Royal, Secretary in the absence of Liz Craven, Treasurer, who was away representing BLFS at Lakeland Council for Seniors. Year-to-date income is \$4,494.55. Year-to-date expenses are \$3,098.14. The balance in the checking account as of May 31, 2014 is \$15,002.48.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Community involvement:** Members were encouraged to bring canned goods to the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to support Meals on Wheels. (A gift basket will be given to the one who brings the most.)
- **Website:** Carrie Harrington presented the BLFS calendar and encouraged members to add their events to the calendar page. She explained that members can log in and submit an event (members can contact her if they don't know the log in

name/password.) She gave a tour of the BLFS website. She encouraged member to review their contact information so as people do searches for providers the accurate information can be provided to them.

- **Membership:** Kim Hooten announced that BLFS has 208 active members. There will be a waiting list for the Honor Roll membership as it has reached the maximum for the web banner on page one of the BLFS web page.
- **Locations and Speakers:** Cindy Clouse announced that Circle B Bar Reserve will be the location for the July 16, 2014 meeting. The program will be “Speed Networking,” BLFS style.
- **Education Committee:** Greg West gave an update on the education committee. Empathy for Elders is a presentation for caregivers and can be scheduled at short notice. The second presentation, Shedding Light on Senior Myths is also available.
- **Social Media:** Dorene Yates asked that people look for the Face Book page like it, tag themselves and share on their Facebook pages.

### **GUESTS AND MEMBER INTRODUCTION**

- Members and guests introduced themselves and gave a short explanation of their services, agencies, businesses and upcoming events.

### **TODAY’S GUEST SPEAKERS**

- Tamara Rowland presented the Personality Color Program, attendees took the Personality Color Test, and a lively discussion about how to best work with various personalities ensued.

### **Adjournment**

- A motion to adjourn was made; it was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Dorene Royal, Secretary, on June 19, 2014.*