



BETTER LIVING FOR SENIORS MONTHLY MEETING

May 15, 2013

Board Members Present:

Cindy Clouse
Randy Brock
Temi Charrier
Liz Craven
Greg West
Dorene Yates

MEETING LOCATION:

- Our location and breakfast was hosted at Highlands Lake Center located at 4042 Lakeland Highlands Road, Lakeland, FL.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Cindy Clouse, President at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made that the minutes from the April 2013 Meeting, now posted on the website at 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 Randy Brock. BLFS Polk currently has \$11,189.79 in the bank, with a \$2,267.00 positive cash flow. A motion was made that the treasurer's report be approved. The motion was seconded, a vote taken and the report was approved unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- BLFS is currently maintaining their numbers. Members were asked to renew as soon as they receive their notice. We have 180 current active members and 23 inactive. There have been new Honor Roll Members join who have the benefit of a banner ad on the BLFS's web site's home page. The challenge has been to get members to renew on time. Members can contact Randy Brock at blfspolk@gmail.com and he will send status and renewal instructions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee reports were tabled in order to give the Education Committee time for their presentation.

SPEAKERS AND LOCATIONS:

- The June 19, 2013, meeting will be at Auburndale Oaks Healthcare Center, 919 Old Winter Haven Road, Auburndale, FL. Maureen, Kelly West Central Area Agency on Aging, will present a Legislative Update.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

- Attendees were asked to look for the Face Book page and tag themselves as well as like the page. This will link members to our page and draw attention to the web site.

GUESTS AND MEMBER INTRODUCTION

- Cecile Morgrage took the names of guests at the door and introduced them, giving them an opportunity to share their area of business with BLFS.
- Members introduced themselves and gave a short explanation of their agencies and businesses and upcoming events.

HOST

- Joanne Heatwole, the Senior Admissions Liaison of Highlands Lake Center introduced Mya Perez, Administrator, who gave a welcome and explained the facility amenities and offered a tour afterwards. Thank you for the wonderful breakfast!

GUEST SPEAKER

- The Education Committee presented their new program titled “Exposed, Shedding Light on Senior Myths,” which dispels myths with regard to legal planning, health planning, facility and financial planning. Ashley Vogel, Chair of the Education Committee, explained the importance of pointing seniors to resources who give accurate information (as opposed to a next door neighbor). The Education Committee consists of Temi Charrier, Home Instead Senior Care; Gail Bagley with Comfort Keepers; Carol Wallace, partner in the elder law firm of Clements & Wallace; Greg West with Edward Jones Investment; Lori Garrard, Administrator of Grace Manor Assisted Living Facility; and Grace Hardy with Valencia Hills Health and Rehabilitation Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted by Dorene Yates, Secretary, on June 12, 2013.