

OCTOBER 2011 MINUTES

BETTER LIVING FOR SENIORS MONTHLY MEETING – October 19, 2011

MEETING HELD:

- The American Baptist Church of Lakeland. A wonderful Breakfast was provided by our hosts.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order at 9:04am by David Dumont, President.
- **MOTION PREVAILED:** The minutes from the September BLFS meetings, now posted on the website at www.BLFSPolk.com, were approved with no changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT (1/1/11-10/18/11) GIVEN BY RANDY BROCK:

- Total Period Inflows (membership dues and web ad income): \$5,940.00
- Total Period Outflows (Constant Contact, phone, corporate filings, etc.): \$6,198.48
- Overall Period Total: -\$258.48
- Account Balances: \$7,612.39 in checking
- **MOTION PREVAILED:** Treasurer's Report was approved as given.

INTRODUCTIONS:

- 1st time attendees were introduced by Cecile.
- Member introductions.
- Were welcomed to The American Baptist Church of Lakeland by Joy Johnston.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BOARD UPDATES:

- Website/Database/Membership – Yesterday, October 18th, our new website went live! Still working to get all pieces functional but it is very interactive and user friendly. You can now renew membership online. Take a look! More information coming soon. Contact Randy Brock at rbrock@victorylakeland.com with any questions.
- Directory – we are now looking for advertising partners for the 2012 directory. A signup sheet was passed around for those interested in advertising. Those that committed to advertising previously will be contacted to see if they are still interested in the space they previously requested. For more information, please contact Temi Charrier at temic@homeinstead.com.
- Meeting Locations – looking for meeting sites for 2012. Facility must be able to hold 75 people and provide breakfast. If interested, please contact Ashley Vogel at ashley@agingcarepartners.com.
- Education – if interested in presenting, the committee meets the first Friday of every month at 8:30am at Panera in North Lakeland. If you are interested in having our team present our premier seminar "Empathy for Elders" to your group/team/staff, please contact Cindy Clouse at cindy@athomess.com.
- Better Season for Seniors – the committee is actively working on getting sponsors for ornaments. Currently 260 are sponsored and need another 140 more. Then the committee will be contacting facilities to find the seniors that need gifts. Next meeting is November 8th at 9:30am at Bella Vista. For more information, contact Tamara Rowland at trowland@hometown-homecare.com.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Panel Discussion on Elder Neglect, Abuse and Exploitation. They shared about crimes against Seniors and Statutes/Organizations/Companies that are there to protect them.
 - Some helpful numbers;
 - Elder Abuse Hotline: 1.800.96.ABUSE
 - Elder Helpline: 1.800.96.ELDER
 - Seniors vs. Crime: www.polkseniorsvscrime.com

- East Polk: 863.419.3701
- West Polk: 863.577.1672
- To find pro-bono legal help:
 - Lakeland Bar Association: 863.619.7160
 - Florida Bar Association: 850.561.5600
- For further information, contact our panel members:
 - Dick Fearnow. Seniors vs. Crimes. 863.577.1672
 - Ben Darby. Darby Law Group. info@darbylawgroup.com or 863.683.7400
 - Carol Wallace. Elder Law Firm of Clements & Wallace, PL. cwallace@mclements.com
 - Patricia Henderson. West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging. hendersonp@elderaffairs.org

MOTION PREVAILED to adjourn.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Cindy Clouse, Secretary

NOTE: Any changes, corrections or additions, please call the BLFS office at 863.248.1475.