



BETTER LIVING FOR SENIORS MONTHLY MEETING

June 21, 2023

BLFS June 2023 General Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

* Donna Kay Dinkins-	President	*Destiny Crisman-	Vice President
* Allie Bates-	Treasurer	*Amanda Porter-	Communications
* Jay Dee Hackney-	Sergeant at Arms	*Kari Gomez-	Past President
* Audra Kosensky-	Membership	*Patty Johnson-	Secretary
* Tabitha Mattison-	Directory		

Meeting Location and Sponsor:

Location- Grace Manor Suites

Food Sponsor- Grace Manor Suites

Speaker-Natalie Wilson with GrayRobinson Law Firm, Elder Law Attorney

Destiny introduced Natalie as Elder Law Attorney, practicing for 17 years here in Lakeland. She has never had a Medicaid application denied.

Natalie spoke on Probate Administration, and Lady Bird Deeds. Probate has 3 types of administration: Disposition, Summary, and Formal Administration. Disposition may be appropriate for personal property but no real estate, and the form for this type can be found on Polk County Clerk of the Court website. Summary Administration is for when the decedent has been dead for at least 2 years, and the estate value is less than seventy-five thousand. No personal representative is appointed but there is no cut off for creditor claims. Formal Administration is the full blown administration.

Make sure death certificate is accurate. A valid will must be witnessed by two people. Florida does not honor a hand written or oral will. Florida honors a valid written will if it is the original. If decedent was married, but has children from a prior marriage without a will, the current spouse would only get half of the assets, the children from former marriage the other half. If naming a personal representative, the personal rep must be a Florida resident or related by blood or marriage. A Lady Bird Deed (or Enhanced Life Estate), is a deed that the subject can add a beneficiary without giving up control during their lifetime. This is important during a Medicaid process.

Business/Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Donna Dinkins at 8:50 am.

Meeting Minutes

- Allie Bates moved to approve the May minutes and Kari Gomez 2nd, May minutes

were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Allie Bates

Current Balance - \$23,901.61

Expenses paid were for standard monthly charges including website, Google, and storage.

Membership Report – Audra Kosensky

New Membership:

Patrick, Keller Williams Realty

Tonya, Kaitlyn, The Health Coach

Gold Sponsor Introductions:

Kari Gomez, President of Home Instead invited everyone to her 5 year of ownership celebration Friday, June 23 from 10am-3pm.

Directory Report - Tabitha Mattison

We are shifting to an annual billing cycle starting in August. Some bills will be prorated. Please check the BLFS website. If you need to make changes, there is a button on the directory tab. You may add a secondary contact to your listing. Be sure all is accurate.

Guests:

Shelly Asbury, Kennedy Health Care

Lee Threats, Senior Connection Center

Kristin Smith, Oak Haven of Auburndale

Announcements:

New Monthly Challenge is to sit with someone new each month. At the end of the year we will have a surprise. Please fill out the slip about who you met and put in basket.

Members should go to BLFS website to be sure your listing is right

Members should be getting 3 emails reminders prior to meetings

Let a board member know if you are not getting emails

Visit community event table, and please take flyers home if you brought them

Senior Center Survey results are being tabulated

Save the Date of September 19 for the BLFS September Soiree fall event!

Next Meeting

July 19, 2023 at First Presbyterian Church Lake Hollingsworth

Speaker - Will Ridge, First Presbyterian Church on grief