

**BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

MARCH 7, 2016

AGENDA

1. Call to order 10:00 AM
2. Roll call
3. Hearing of visitors (sign in with Secretary)
4. Minutes of 2/1/2016 meeting
5. Financial report of Howard Fund
6. Correspondence
7. Reports:
 - a. Director's report – Janice Fitzgerald
 - b. Activities report – Michelle Brace
 - c. Outreach reports – Dorothy Slack
8. Unfinished business
9. New business
10. Announcements
11. Other business
12. Adjournment

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

The monthly meeting of the Brockton Council on Aging,
(Board of Directors) Was held on Monday February 1, 2016

Minutes recorded by Richard Drobiak, Recorder for Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lorraine Lalli at 10:08 AM

ROLL CALL: Betty Goldsmith absent, Sue Alves and Al Amoroso excused. All other board members present.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes of 1/4/16 meeting reviewed by board members. A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Howard Fund report balance is \$91,144.19. A motion was made and approved to accept the Howard Report as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR: A copy of Director Janice Fitzgerald's report is attached.

- Health Benefits Fair triggered by the open enrolment process
- There will be a press release regarding the DMV processing at the senior center
- Formula Grant funds anxiously awaited to fund staffing at the senior center. .
- The capital campaign needs staffing

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR: A copy of Activities Director Michelle Brace's report is attached.

REPORT OF THE OUTREACH COORDINATOR: Department very busy with tax filing assistance. All scheduled time slots are filled

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Brockton Symphony tickets are available at the front desk

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

Next meeting 3/7/2015 – meeting adjourned 10:40

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-February 4, 2016

Good Morning! I apologize for not being here last month but as you know I was attending the Inauguration at City Hall.

- **Today is the first day that the packets will be available for the Senior Property Tax Work off Program and also the Luminescent House Number signs.**
- **The RMV online transactions have been going very well. It is my hope and plan to train a couple volunteers to help me.**
- **Dottie has been working on the "Health Benefits Fair" which will be held here on Wednesday, February 24 from 12-3. There will be representatives and presentations from Social Security, Prescription Advantage, SNAP, Veterans Agent, Mass Health Buy-In and Health Safety Net. Applications and assistance will also be available.**
- **There is now a Drug Take Back box at the Brockton Police Dept. located in the report room. The box is available 24/7. Liquids, inhalers and needles will not be accepted.**
- **I was approached by DTA to be a distribution site for the Greater Boston Food Bank. The program they want to do is called the "Commodity Supplemental Food Program". This program will supplement client's (seniors only) diets with nutritious foods via once a month distribution. Qualifying participants receive a monthly bag of food (approx. 30 pounds). Food will be delivered here and individuals will come here to pick it up once a month. I am meeting with a rep. from GBFB this week to iron out the details. I am very excited as we can see the need in this community.**
- **I am anxiously awaiting the annual Formula Grant Funds. They should hopefully be coming to us very soon. As you may or may not know, once received I will need to go before City Council to have the funds accepted. At that time I will be asking the Board to join me. I will let you all know as soon as I have any information.**
- **Lastly, I held a meeting on the 27th with the Capital Campaign Committee and Friends Group. I told them that I cannot and can no longer be the leader of this group. They voted to have Anne McCormack and Joe Madaio be the co-chairs. They are also looking into hiring a firm to run the Campaign which I think is a great idea. I will certainly keep you updated.**

In closing, there are only 48 more days until Spring! I hope you all have a great month and Happy Valentines' Day to you all.

**Respectfully submitted,
Janice B. Fitzgerald
Director**

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 2nd Election Day, All Activities Cancelled

Wednesday, February 3rd Valentine Cookie Decorating Workshop 1:00PM

Friday, February 5th State Representative Michelle DuBois 9:00AM

Monday, February 8th SALT/Triad Breakfast with

Police Chief John Crowley at 9:30AM

Wednesday, February 8th Valentine's Apron Decorating at 1:00PM

Wednesday, February 10th Taxes by Appointment Only

Wednesday, February 10 Valentine's Day Party 12:00-2:00PM

Monday, February 15th President's Day, Center is closed

Tuesday, February 16th Congregate Meal Special, Valentine's Day 12:00PM

Wednesday, February 17th MADD Hatters 12:30PM

Wednesday, February 17th Pen Pal Meeting at 3:00PM

Thursday, February 18th Lunch & Learn "Nutrition & Aging" 12:00PM

Wednesday, February 24th Taxes by Appointment Only

Wednesday, February 24th Benefits Fair 12:00-3:00PM

Wednesday, February 24th AARP Board Meeting 1:00PM

Monday, February 29th Legal Consults with Attorney Erin L. Shea 9:00AM

Monday, February 29th Men's Group 9:30AM

Monday, February 29th Quaker Girl Takes Washington's Center Stage: The Rise of Dolley Madison 1:00PM. Sponsored by State Representative Michelle Du Bois.

Trips

Monday, February 15th Mohegan Sun Casino

Friday, February 19th Rhode Island Garden and Flower Show

Thursday, April 7th Newport Playhouse, "One Slight Hitch"

Sunday, April 17th Reagle Music Theater, "The Country Jamboree"

Upcoming Events

Effective Communication with the Alzheimer's Association 3/7/16

I-Pad Classes begin 3/10/16

Start Your Vegetable Seedlings w/ West Acres 3/14/16

St. Patrick's Day Party 3/17/16

Spring Social with Roger Ticknell 3/21/16

Pot Luck Luncheon 3/23/16

How to Deal with Clutter, Janet LaBerge 3/30/16