

**BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2014**

The monthly meeting of the Brockton Council on Aging,
(Board of Directors) Was held on Monday October 6, 2014

Minutes recorded by Richard Drobiak, Recorder for Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lorraine Lalli at 10:05 AM

ROLL CALL: Marline Amedee absent. All other members present

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes of 9/8/14 meeting reviewed by board members. A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Howard Fund report balance is \$80,291.07. 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.

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

REPORT OF THE OUTREACH COORDINATOR: Lynn Winkler reported on open enrolment coming up in October. With the high increase announced by National Grid, she encourages seniors to apply for fuel assistance early

NEW BUSINESS: Janice will be looking for support of her request for funds to acquire additional staff to support the ever growing demands upon the COA.

Parking in the church lot across the street is of concern with crossing the street and the traffic not observing crosswalk rules. Janice will contact city DPW to repaint the crosswalk. .

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chairwoman Lalli read a letter of resignation from Marline Amedee. The resignation was accepted by the Board

OTHER BUSINESS: None

Next meeting is scheduled for 11/3/2014. Meeting adjourned 10:40.

DIRECTORS REPORT- October 6, 2014

Good Morning!!

Before I get started with my report I want to ask that you join me in a moment of silence for 2 individuals we lost recently. Ralph Owens, as you know, was a volunteer here for many years and oversaw the Men's Group and helped with the congregate meals each week, among other things. Robert Smith was a volunteer who helped with the whist and bridge group. They were both wonderful people and were very supportive of us here at the COA. I will miss them deeply.

So, today I would like to talk about the Annual Report I just completed and sent to the EOEA.

This report is a great tool for us each year because it gives us a clear idea of our numbers in many areas. Here are just some of the ones I think you may be interested in:

- For FY2014 (July 2013-June 2014) we had 394+ new members. The biggest increase was between Oct. and Nov.
- The average number of daily visitors is between 135 and 150 people per day
- We answered over 14,400 phone calls
- Our volunteers worked 5445 hours and SAVED the city roughly \$101,767.00.
- SHINE helped over 500 individuals
- We served over 758 Congregate Meals
- 30% of our members are between 70 and 74
- 17.8% are between 65 and 69
- 16.4% are between 75 and 79
- 13% are over 85
- 12% of our members are from outside of Brockton
- The most common health issues among our members are, high BP, diabetes, COPD, arthritis, depression, thyroid, asthma and heart conditions. These numbers are important so that we can provide and plan presentations that affect the majority of our seniors.

Also include in this report were goals, which are attached, and I always send pictures of different things that happen here during the year which I have here if anyone wants to look at them.

So things are looking great and people are getting better at using their swipes cards which makes it possible for me to get this information.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice B. Fitzgerald, Director

GOALS OF THE BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING

Senior Property Tax Work-Off Program

Capital Campaign to raise funds for addition to building

Transportation

Staffing

Increase participation in all areas

Outreach into ethnic communities and develop programs

Continue to offer new and exciting programs and activities especially to attract the Baby-Boomers

Respectfully submitted,

Janice B. Fitzgerald
Director

October's Activities and Events

Monday, October 6th COA Book Club at 10:00AM
Monday, October 6th Volunteer Dessert Celebration 2:00PM
Wednesday, October 8th AARP Meeting at 1:00PM
Wednesday, October 8th Happy Feet: Keep Diabetic Feet in Tip Top Shape 1:00
Monday, October 13th Columbus Day Center is Closed
Tuesday, October 14th One Smile Brockton: Community Water Fluoridation 1:00
Wednesday, October 15th MADD Hatters Luncheon at 12:30 RSVP by 10/8/14
Thursday, October 16th Flu Clinic from 2:00-4:00PM
Monday, October 20th S.A.L.T./Triad Meeting at 9:30AM
Monday, October 20th SHINE: Medicare Changes for 2015 at 2:00PM
Tuesday, October 21st HopeHealth Support group at 2:30PM
Wednesday, October 22nd AARP Board Meeting 12:00PM
Wednesday, October 22nd "A Time to Laugh, A Time to Weep" at 1:00PM
Monday, October 27th Men's Group 9:30AM
Monday, October 27th Pumpkin Painting with Anne Conley Roan at 1:00PM
Tuesday, October 28th Medicare Part D MCPHS University 10:00AM-2:00PM
Wednesday, October 29th COA Halloween Party 12:00-2:00PM
Thursday, October 30th Flu Clinic from 2:00-4:00PM
Friday, October 31st Friends Bake Sale at City Hall 9:00-1:00 or until sold out

Trips

October 9th "Lion King", Boston Opera House, Boston (Sold Out)
October 20th Twin Rivers Casino
October 22nd "Alice", Wheelock Family Theater, Boston
November 10th Foxwoods Casino
November 20th A Thanksgiving Feast at Whites of Westport
December 4th Holiday Party at Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers, MA

Upcoming Events

Greater Brockton Area Hoarding Task Force
Let's Discuss Dementia
Veteran's Breakfast
Diabetes and Medication
Scams, Frauds and Giving to Charities
COPD: What you Should Know