

**BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

The monthly meeting of the Brockton Council on Aging,
(Board of Directors) Was held on Monday September 14, 2015

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: Betty Goldsmith absent, Sue Alves excused. All other board members present.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes of 6/1/15 meeting reviewed by board members. A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Howard Fund report balance is \$74,000.47. 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:

- The STOP program is starting a 6 week program starting today.
- October is breast cancer month Sessions provided by the American Cancer Society. All are encouraged to attend. The scheduled start date is 10/19.
- The annual open enrolment period this year is 10/15 to 12/7. The dates are firm so all are encouraged to sign up early and have your selection reviewed.
- Program 'Alive inside' is starting in November
- Lynne is processing existing fuel assistance applications

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Teddi Bourassa has been appointed Chairman of the Community Relations Committee.
- Chairwoman Lalli reported on the COA participation at the annual downtown arts fair. The event was a success.
- Carol Harris has been appointed Chairman of the committee to process applications for COA board seats

Next meeting 10/5/2015

Meeting adjourned 10:45.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- September 14, 2015

Welcome back to past and new members. I hope you all enjoyed the summer. The last few months have been a bit sad because we have lost some long time members and friends. Mary Mucci, Bob Silver and Senator Tom Kennedy. They will be greatly missed and I am forever thankful for all that they did for the COA and our seniors.

- I am waiting on our FY2016 Formula Grant Funds. I am thrilled that the formula has been increased to \$9.00 per elder from \$8.00 which is an increase of \$15,883.00.
- Our annual Senior Picnic this past summer welcomed close to 400 people. That is the most we have ever had. I cannot thank our volunteers and staff enough for getting the job done that day.
- We are holding another Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, September 26 from 10-2.
- Senior Day at the Rox was a great success. We will definitely be doing it again next year.
- Thank you to everyone who represented us at the DBamFest in August. It is a great community event to support plus it is another opportunity to get us out in the community.
- We are working on a couple new things that I will share with you.
 - 1st- The VA Hospital is interested in collaborating with us to offer social activities for some of their patients. We are presently in discussion with them.
 - 2nd- The DMV would like to train the staff on how to do online registry transactions so elders will not have to go to the registry to do things like renewing registrations and licenses among other transactions.
 - 3rd- On October 19 from 1-3 we will be showing a film called Gen Silent. This video is a documentary that follows six LGBT older adults in Boston as they navigate the health care system. This film puts a face on the epidemic lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender older adults afraid of discrimination in long term care/health care settings or bullying by other elders that keep them silent about their sexual orientation. Immediately following the film join us for a discussion led by Lisa Krinsky, MSW and Director of the LGBT Aging Project at the Fenway Institute.

I would respectfully ask that you ALL try to attend this presentation.

- Lastly, please remember to get out and vote on the 22nd. The COA will be open and staff will be here that day but all activities will be cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice B. Fitzgerald
Director

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 14th Rejuvenating Hand Massages with West Acres at 1:00PM.
Monday, September 14th S.T.O.P Start Taking Off the Pounds at 1:00PM
Wednesday September 16th "Ask Dottie " The Respiratory System 10:30AM
Wednesday September 16th MADD Hatters Luncheon, "September Song" 12:00Noon
Wednesday, September 16th "Celebrating New England": Song and Stories for Everyone by Davis Bates 1:00PM
Thursday, September 17th Lunch & Learn, Nutrition and Vitamin B12 12:00Noon
Monday, September 21st S.A.L.T./Triad Meeting 9:30AM
Monday, September 21st New England Burials at Sea 1:00PM
Tuesday September 22nd Election Day, All Activities Are Cancelled
Wednesday, September 23rd "The Blanket Project" w/Brockton Health Center 10:30AM
Wednesday, September 23rd AARP Board Meeting at 12:00 Noon
-Wednesday, September 23rd Antiques & Collectibles Appraisals from 1:00-3:00PM
Saturday, September 26th Drug Take Bake Day from 10:00AM-2:00PM
Monday, September 28th Elder law consults 9:00-10:30AM
Monday, September 28th Men's Group 9:30 AM Bring Your Thinking Caps and Creativity
Monday, September 28th S.T.O.P. Start Taking Off the Pounds 1:00PM
Tuesday, September 29th Trivia with Advanced Care at 1:00PM
Wednesday, September 30th Left , Right, Center with Sachem Health Center 10:30AM
Wednesday, September 30th Pot Luck Luncheon, 12:00-1:30PM

Early October Events

Thursday October 1st Harvest Luncheon at Thorny Lea Golf Club from 12:00-2:00PM
(Sold Out, Sorry)
Tuesday, October 6th Election Day, All Activities Are Cancelled
Wednesday, October 7th Art For Your Mind "Native American Journey" with Jill Sandford 1:00PM

Trips

The Big E On Massachusetts Day, Thursday, September 24th \$12.00 plus \$2.00 cash tip
(There's only a few seats left.)
Twin Rivers Casino, Monday, October 5th
Flax Pond Farms with Cranberry Bog Tour, Wednesday, October 14th
Thanksgiving Prelude, "Strictly Sinatra" Thursday, November 19th

As always we welcome your suggestions and creativity to help enhance the programs here at your Brockton Council on Aging.
Thank-you for your time and dedication.